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# Drastic drop in Russian tourists feared

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The CNMI may see a large potential drop in the number of Russian tourists if AviaCharters-DV pulls out from providing airline services to the CNMI, according to the Marianas Visitors Authority board yesterday.

Based on MVA's updated monthly arrivals, Russian tourists decreased by 19 percent to 675 visitors, the first month of decline this fiscal year.

The number of Russian visitors was estimated at 1,000-plus in 2006 and has since increased to 6,000 in 2009. In 2010, due to confusion regarding visas, Russia arrivals decreased to 4,000 and went up to 5,000 in 2011.

Since AviaCharters started flying to the CNMI in 2012, Russian arrivals in the entire fiscal year 2013 went up to 11,002. This fiscal year 2014, Russian arrivals is projected at 16,592.

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## $300M Tinian casino lease deal up for signing

» Legislature still has final say on lease agreement
» Public hearing on Tinian reset for today

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The Macau investor planning to invest $300 million in a casino resort on Tinian is set to sign a 152-hectare land lease agreement with the Department of Public Lands on Thursday afternoon, but the Legislature still has the final word on whether to approve or reject the deal between DPL and Alter City Group Inc.

Some two hours after the 3pm signing of the land lease deal with DPL on Thursday, Alter City Group president and chair Leong Kin Lan will lead a project briefing and presentation for lawmakers at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said yesterday that a joint session of the Senate and House of Representatives could be held as

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## Infant mortality rate alarms health specialists

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The CNMI still has an alarmingly high mortality rate for infants, according to the Department of Public Health's Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

Based on the latest data from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., the CNMI has so far a total of 34 infant deaths this year.

What is more alarming is the CNMI has a much higher fetal deaths or miscarriages than the infant mortality rate.

DPH-MCHB data analyst Shawnalei Ogumoro said that in their efforts to address this increasing problem, they are trying to reduce "premature mortality" by providing outreach and knowledge to community members.

"We provide services and incorpo-

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**28 YEARS AFTER**

A crowd of family, friends, and other community members gather yesterday to remember the 13 fishermen lost at sea on Sept. 23, 1986, while on a fishing expedition in the Northern Islands. Yesterday marked the 28th death anniversary of the fishermen, with the crowd sharing prayers, song, and dinner at the event.

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# Local

## Saipan community remembers 13 fishermen lost at sea

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Patrick Romolor was 19 when he lost his father, Isidro Romolor, almost 30 years ago.

He spoke with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday at the 13 Fishermen Memorial Monument, where family, friends, and other members of the community joined the 28th death anniversary of the 13 fishermen who disappeared at sea on Sept. 23, 1986.

"For many of us, coming here, celebrating Mass here, it keeps them in touch, keeps us close with lost loved ones," he said.

*Faiyeghamem*, the title song of an album Romolor wrote with his brothers, was dedicated to the fishermen.

"I wrote about the time they left Agrigan, looking for shelter and ended up going straight into the eye of the storm," he said of the song's lyrics.

He said he was trying to write a song when a tune came into his mind with one topic: the fishermen, of whom two were also his uncles and the rest were his cousins.

"You're out there in the middle of the storm, everything is dark, you can't see, visibility is zero. You don't know what's left or right, and you're alone. And you know you're going to die," he said of what came to his mind when writing the song.

Romolor said he found it difficult to write it in any other dialect other than Carolinian, adding that even the title is hard to explain.

*Faiyeghamem* means "have mercy on us," he said.

"They are asking for mercy to be saved, because they are out there, capsized, they don't know anywhere else to go. But they ask the Lord to 'forgive us' and 'have mercy on us'…that's the closest I can go," he said.

He believes the fishermen thought of their children and family with their last breath as they knew they would no longer be able to see them.

"The refrain says, 'how it hurts, when you're going to die, because you won't be able to see your kids and family anymore,'" he said.

Romolor grew up on Agrigan with his family, attending Agrigan Elementary School before moving to Saipan in seventh grade, for junior high and then later high school and college.

According to Romolor, he grew up with the fishermen, attending Agrigan Elementary School before moving to Saipan.

"I went fishing with them, hunting with them, talk stories with them, [because] back there is only one village," he said on his childhood.

He noted how Agrigan is a large part of his family and himself wherever they go.

"I grew up there. I roam the island, I sleep with the island, I eat with the island, I fish with the island. It's a lovely place," he said.

Mass was held early evening yesterday at the side of the 13 Fishermen's Monument, with a crowd gathered under tents and a pavilion.

One boy, Devin Aldan, was seen standing at the monument during Mass. When *Saipan Tribune* asked if he was related to any of the 13 fishermen, he pointed to Isidro Romolor's name engraved in stone.

"That's my mom's dad," he said.

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Devin Aldan stands beside the plaque of his grandfather, Isidro Romolor, at the 13 Fishermen Monument Memorial on Beach Road yesterday during the 28th death anniversary of the 13 fishermen lost at sea in the Northern Islands.

## Tinian lawmakers pass $4.281M municipal budget for 2015

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» **Casino revenues up 11 percent**
» **Delegation adopts divert airfield resolution**

Tinian lawmakers passed yesterday a $4.281-million municipal budget from projected Tinian casino industry revenue for fiscal year 2015, an 11-percent increase from fiscal 2014's $3.841 million.

The Tinian budget bill passed by a 3-0 vote and with one absence.

It now heads to the governor for action, with Tinian lawmakers hoping there won't be a repeat of last year's partial municipal shutdown because of non-passage of a new budget by the Oct. 1 start of the new fiscal year.

The $4.281 million that Tinian lawmakers approved yesterday for appropriation all came from Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, because it is currently the only operating casino on Tinian.

Sens. Frank Borja (Ind-Tinian), Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) and Joaquin Borja (Ind-Tinian) passed Tinian Local Bill 18-3. Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian) was not feeling well and was absent.

Once signed into law, the bill will fund the personnel and operations of the Tinian Gaming Control Commission, Tinian Municipal Treasury, and the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan for fiscal 2015.

The bulk of the projected $4.281 million casino industry funds come from $3.312 million in casino tax revenues, followed by $500,000 in casino license fees, $400,000 in casino application fees, $25,250 in employee fees, $25,000 in casino service industry, and $18,750 in gaming device fees.

Of the total amount appropriated, $2.220 million-plus goes for personnel salaries, while over $2.060 million goes for non-personnel expenses.

These include the $75,000 per year salary of each of the four commissioners of the Tinian Casino and Gaming Control Commission.

### Divert airfield resolution

The Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation also adopted yesterday Sen. Frank Borja's resolution strongly supporting and recommending the placement of a U.S. Air Force divert airfield on Tinian. The session was originally set for Monday, but was rescheduled for yesterday.

By adopting the resolution, the Tinian lawmakers support the expressed position of the CNMI government, through Gov. Eloy S. Inos, as well as the people of Tinian and the Commonwealth Ports Authority, that the U.S. and the Air Force place the divert activities on Tinian "rather than Saipan."

Two-thirds or some 7,203 hectares of Tinian lands are leased to the U.S. military. Tinian lawmakers said that the U.S. military should develop for its use and operations—including for divert activities and exercises—its leased lands on Tinian.

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## Council: 52 give input on proposed marine monument's visitors center

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The Marianas Trench Monument Advisory Council's public meetings on a planned visitors center ended Monday on Rota, with a total of 52 participating in three meetings each on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota over the last week.

According to Heidi Hirsch, natural resource management specialist for NOAA's National Marine Monument program, a final report combining both public comments and the initial recommendations prepared by MTMAC should be ready by Dec. 19 for review.

John Parks of Marine Management Solutions, who is being contracted by Hawaii International Environmental Services, will prepare the report.

Hirsch noted that participants on Rota suggested that their island be the site of the center, as the island could be a "hub for travel" between the larger islands of Saipan and Rota; other participants thought Rota is too small.

She said Rota participants emphasized that the center should have an educational component for the younger generation to learn about the uniqueness of the trench and their islands so that "homegrown" experts can be trained.

One recommendation that stuck out for Hirsch during the three meetings was for the visitors center to reflect the uniqueness of Maug, Uracas, Asuncion, the Pacific rim, and the hydrothermal vents and biodiversity found within the monument.

A recommendation Hirsch heard on Tinian was that the Department of Defense should be involved with the center's funding, noting their military involvement on the island.

One participant on Saipan believes the White House should fund the center since "they took

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# 3 special election candidates 'certified by default'

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The candidacies of three individuals for the Nov. 4 special election to fill a Senate seat vacated by former Saipan senator Ray Yumul were "certified by default" on Monday, Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero said.

That's because the election commission board didn't have a quorum.

The three candidates are Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar of the Republican Party, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board trustee Roy Rios as an independent bet, and former Fire chief Jesus M. Castro, also as an independent candidate.

The three candidates met all the requirements so the commission didn't raise any red flag that could have resulted in a recommendation not to certify any of them.

Guerrero said the commission has already notified Gov. Eloy S. Inos of the certification by default. Also notified were the Office of Personnel Management and the Department of Finance.

The special election coincides with the Nov. 4 general elections. The CNMI is also headed for a third election in November—that of a gubernatorial runoff race if none of the four gubernatorial teams get at least 50 percent plus one of the votes cast.

For the general elections, there are now nearly 18,000 registered voters, a record-breaking number for the CNMI. As of Sept. 22, the actual number was 17,987 and the election commission ordered some 20,000 ballots.

For the special election with some 15,000 Saipan voters, some 17,000 ballots will be printed.

# 6-month prison term for man who robbed 2 Russian tourists

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio imposed yesterday a six-month prison term on a man who was one of two persons who robbed two tourists in Garapan.

Kim-Tenorio sentenced Benwachi Nicky Taisakan to two years in prison, all suspended except for six months, for robbery. The sentence shall be served with no possibility of parole.

The 26-year-old Taisakan was given credit for 21 days of time served.

After completing the prison term, Taisakan will be placed on five years probation.

The judge ordered Taisakan and his co-defendant, Manuel Jones Villagomez, to jointly pay one victim, Eugeniia Afanasieva, $1,976 in restitution.

Taisakan was also required to pay a $1,000 fine, $500 in probation fee, and $100 in court assessment fee. He was ordered to complete 250 hours of community service.

Taisakan pleaded guilty to robbery as part of the deal. The remaining charges of theft, conspiracy to commit robbery, conspiracy to theft, and disturbing the peace was dropped.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas prosecuted the case. Samuel Mok served as court-appointed counsel for Taisakan.

According to police, Taisakan and Villagomez went to Garapan on Dec. 3, 2013, with plans to rob someone. Taisakan grabbed Afanasieva's purse and then got into a getaway car being driven by Villagomez.

Police detectives identified the suspects after Taisakan's cell phone fell on the road when the victim's boyfriend chased him.

Taisakan claimed that prior to the robbery, Villagomez picked him up at his residence in Koblerville and they both smoked methamphetamine or "ice."

Last May, Kim-Tenorio slapped the 39-year-old Villagomez with a one-year prison term for robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery, and assault and battery in connection with the robbery and a domestic violence case. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

# Best Sunshine lawyers discuss utility vouchers with CUC

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Best Sunshine legal counsels Viola Alepuyo and Charles McDonald discussed with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board the Hong Kong investor's offer to give away $10 million in utility vouchers to the local community.

According to CUC legal counsel James Sirok, they have been meeting with Best Sunshine about the $10 million to be distributed to the public and that CUC was to take the lead in the matter.

Alepuyo said they have submitted a preliminary letter to CUC about what Best Sunshine called its planned "community chest," where funds would be dispersed based on the survey that was done back in July.

"Based on the survey of the community members, utilities was the top [concern] so Best Sunshine decided to give funds for utility bills," Alepuyo said.

She said Best Sunshine's parent company, Imperial Pacific International Holdings Ltd., met yesterday about the matter.

CUC board chair David Sablan Jr. told Alepuyo that they are happy with the funds being provided but asked if there is any plan on eligibility requirements.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher said that one of Best Sunshine's requirements is a voucher application form and that Best Sunshine is asking CUC to help with the manpower to determine eligibility.

According to Sablan, though, the eligibility requirement has

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# Man gets 15-month sentence for burglarizing Saipan Zoo

A man who burglarized the Saipan Zoo and took off with three fruit bats and one coconut crab was slapped yesterday with a 15-month prison term.

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio sentenced Ignacio C. Camacho to five years in prison, all suspended except for 15 months, for burglary.

Camacho, 25, was given credit for seven days of time served. After completing the prison term, he will be placed on probation for five years.

Camacho signed a plea deal with assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas. He pleaded guilty to burglary yesterday.

Assistant public defender Benjamin Petersburg served as counsel for the defendant.

As part of the plea agreement, the remaining charges of theft and threatened or endangered species violation was dropped.

Kim-Tenorio ordered Camacho to pay a $200 fine, $100 in court assessment fee, $500 in probation fee, and $500 in restitution to the victim, the CNMI Fish and Wildlife.

Kim-Tenorio also required Camacho to write a letter of apology to Saipan Zoo and complete any recommended counseling by the Community Guidance Center.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, Camacho unlawfully entered Saipan Zoo in Sadog Tasi on May 9, 2014, with the purpose of committing theft.

Division of Fish and Wildlife conservation inspector Erwin T. Flores stated in his report that on May 20 and June 1, 2014, Saipan Zoo owner Frank Aldan reported to the Department of Public Safety that unidentified person or persons broke into the zoo and stole three fruit bats and property of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/ Office of Law Enforcement.

An interview of a witness led to the arrest of Camacho in June. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

# New prevailing wage survey, economic planning

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Preparations are underway for a new prevailing wage survey that is critical to H visa applications in the CNMI, after the Department of Commerce announced yesterday receiving federal grants for both the wage survey and economic development strategy planning phase. The grants total a little over $50,000.

It would still take months to conduct and release the new prevailing wage survey results, when CNMI businesses continue to see H visa application rejections over a lack of an updated survey.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is also planning to update its 2011 prevailing wage survey funded by member-organizations because of lack of federal grants, but earlier announced doing the actual survey after the new 50-cent minimum wage increase on Sept. 30.

The CNMI's minimum wage will increase to $6.05 an hour on Tuesday, up from the current $5.55 an hour.

Commerce announced yesterday that it received a grant from the U.S. Interior's Office of Insular Affairs for the prevailing wage and workforce assessment study.

The department published its first CNMI prevailing wage survey on April 30, 2012. It collected and processed data "to produce reliable wage statistics on the types of occupations that exist in the CNMI's economy in 2011."

Occupation wage rates included both direct and indirect wages such as fringe benefits.

The 2011 survey also included workforce assessment on the current types and level of skills in the business community.

Commerce also announced yesterday that it received a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Authority for the Commonwealth Economic Development Strategy planning phase.

It will be used for community planning focusing on CNMI economic development. The outcome of the CEDS planning process will be a five-year strategic plan for regional economic development.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos thanked federal counterparts "for their continued funding support for these important programs."

"These programs are needed in order to effectuate and comply with federal requirements for foreign labor, as well as the strategic economic planning for the CNMI," the governor said in a statement.

Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar, who has been on administrative leave since Monday, said the success of these grant awards "is truly from coordinated efforts from multiple agencies…and their hardworking staff."

"Due to shortage of capacity and resources from our local government agencies, the application process to the award took longer than expected, but I am very happy that we are at this stage. We can now move forward with a new CEDS Commission to update our expired document, as well as initiate an immediate survey of prevailing wage that will capture new increased wage after September 2014," Igisomar said.

Without its own updated prevailing wage survey, the CNMI could end up using Guam's. Employers say Guam wages are much higher than the CNMI's.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan said earlier that a number of H visa applications from the CNMI have already been rejected over a lack of a current prevailing wage survey.

The CNMI could see a spike in the number of H visa applications because of ongoing and planned construction projects but the approval rate would depend, among other things, on the availability of a new prevailing wage survey.

# NMC business degree program 'moving forward'

Over 60 have applied for and are enrolled in Northern Marianas College's new business bachelor's program; however, a number of these students were not eligible to take the degree's courses, with the college instead opening more lower-level courses to allow the students to finish prerequisites for the degree, according to information obtained during the program committee report at the college's board meeting last week.

"Many of [the students] expect to have their prerequisites complete in order to enroll in the program come January," college president Dr. Sharon Hart told the Board of Regents.

Because of the many students needing prerequisites, offering the upper-level courses would not get classes to their minimum number of students, according to Amanda Allen, director of Distance Learning.

According to her, a course needs 10 students to run.

A course schedule dated on Aug. 8 last month, provided by the college's website, shows that out of the 12 courses listed for the new program, only two were not cancelled.

Chavel Green, department chair of the new business program, noted in an interview at the time that while the schedule did show classes to be cancelled, students were accommodated, with lower-level prerequisite courses opened.

"No students were turned away in the program," Hart said at the board meeting.

Business courses run during the day and evening, with the feedback that the college has been getting from the program so far "looking for very good," according to Hart. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

## BEST SUNSHINE

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to be up to Best Sunshine.

"I think Best Sunshine should come up with the eligibility requirements on determining who will be given the vouchers. We have different accounts here in CUC and it's just not the residential. So determining who is eligible should be decided by Best Sunshine," Sablan said.

Sablan also told Best Sunshine that helping out with delinquent and aged accounts would help CUC more, and in fairness to "good payers."

He instructed Fletcher and Sirok to work with Best Sunshine on the matter.

## CASINO

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early as next week to act on the "signed" lease agreement between DPL and Alter City Group.

Any proposed lease of more than 5 hectares of public lands requires the Legislature's approval.

Thursday's land lease deal signing between DPL and Alter City Group will come a day after two Senate and House committees hold a rescheduled joint public hearing on the land lease deal on Tinian at 5pm today.

The public hearing at the Tinian Court House was initially announced for yesterday.

"After the public hearing on Tinian, the committee will still have to come up with a report recommending to the House and Senate whether to approve or reject the lease agreement. There is no way that a committee report on a Wednesday night public hearing, plus the recommendation, will be out before the Thursday signing between DPL and the investor," Rep. Anthony Benavente (Ind-Saipan) said yesterday.

Benavente is chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, which joins the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs in holding today's public hearing at the Tinian Court House.

"The final approval whether those public lands on Tinian will be leased to the investor will come from the Legislature," Benavente said.

He said yesterday's original public hearing was rescheduled for today because of some miscommunication.

Acting press secretary Ivan Blanco said Gov. Eloy S. Inos will be at the signing ceremony on Thursday at 3pm in the governor's conference room on Capital Hill.

On the same time and date, the Senate will be having its thrice rescheduled session.

Edvon Sze, chief executive officer of Alter City Group, said in an invitation to lawmakers yesterday that Thursday's 5:30pm briefing will provide details on the proposed project and lease with DPL "to further develop the island of Tinian with world-class hotel facilities, golf course, villas, and a water park."

Alter City Group Inc., wholly owned by Macau-based Alter City Group Holdings Ltd., plans to build 1,000 hotel rooms, water parks, an 18-hole golf course, villas, casino facilities, and related tourism amenities.

Alter City Group still has to apply for a casino license.

Originally, Alter City Group planned to invest some $200 million. It revised its planned investment to $300 million over time.

That is still dwarfed by Best Sunshine International Ltd.'s $3.14-billion integrated casino resort on Saipan under an exclusive casino license.

However, unlike Saipan that has an exclusive casino developer, Tinian can issue multiple casino licenses. At present, only Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino is the operating casino on Tinian and the whole CNMI.

DPL Secretary Pete A. Tenorio submitted to the Legislature a "draft" lease agreement between DPL and Alter City Group for up to 40 years for lawmakers' advance information and review.

Tenorio said DPL will transmit a "signed" lease agreement to the Legislature for its final disposition.

The maximum 40-year lease includes the initial 25-year lease with the option to extend for 15 more years. The project site is Puntan Diablo, also known as Nasarino, the same area previously leased by the Marianas Resort Development Corp. before the latter abandoned the lease. MRDC had also planned to build a $300-million casino resort on the property.

DPL expects the Tinian casino project to have a gross revenue of over $1.436 billion in 25 years. It said once the proposed lease is approved, Alter City Group will pay a security deposit of $300,000.

There will also be an advance payment of $340,000 for the first five years of the lease during planning and construction of phase 1.

## INFANT

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rate that with providing quality improvement by implementing important measures through early stages of pregnancy," Ogumoro said.

With an estimated population of over 50,000, 34 infant deaths so far in 2014 is a large number for the CNMI. Ogumoro said that majority of the infant mortality deaths occur among the local indigenous women.

According to Ogumoro, 91 percent of mothers here in the CNMI have risk factors that contributes to serious birth complications.

Ogumoro also said that birth complications usually contribute to the infant mortality rate, compared to the United States, where sudden infant death syndrome rates are higher and where the parents are usually healthy.

"These birth complications usually contribute to miscarriages. These risk factors include sexually transmitted infections, the way the mother treats herself, and usually a non-communicable diseases [such as diabetes]," she said.

Usually risk factors contribute to the life expectancy of an infant. The CNMI's average life expectancy is from 60 to 74 years.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, infant deaths per 1,000 live births from 2009 averaged 2.7; 2010 and 2011 averaged 2.9; 2012 averaged 8.1; and 2013 averaged 10.2.

Majority of the causes are non-communicable diseases.

"So far we are starting at a smaller scale in addressing this problem and we are [making little headway] due to funding. But we want to revisit this and address the problem. Because 34 is a large number, and not only that, the premature or miscarriages are even higher," Ogumoro said.

## DRASTIC

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According to MVA, if AviaCharters pulls out initially by next year, the Russian market could plummet to the range of 5,000 visitors if nothing is done to arrest the decline.

MVA noted that Asiana Airlines is helping, with access to Saipan via Seoul.

Asiana was the main airline provider for Russia in past years, but with the flights mostly catering to the Korean market, Russian visitors competed for seats. Majority of those arrivals were from the East Russian cities of Khabarovsk, Vladivostok, and Yuzhno Sakhalinsk—all flying through Incheon, Korea.

Although MVA board members noted that AviaCharters has been doing well in providing the CNMI with more Russian tourist, the issue remains between AviaCharters and its supposed partnership agreement with Orenburgh Airlines.

According to their website, AviaCharters is suing Orenburg Airlines for breach of contract. A contract was signed in August this year, initially to change the flight program and use a new plane, a Boeing 737-800, for the charter flights.

AviaCharters was supposed to suspend its flights on Sept. 1, but due to an issue with its agreement with Orengburgh, AviaCharters went offline two weeks before the intended date. AviaCharters is expected to go online on Oct. 27 if issues are resolved.

In an earlier interview, MVA managing director Perry Tenorio said that the pullout of the 186-seater plane impacted about 90 percent of arrivals from Russia.

AviaCharters concedes that the cancellations have impacted many Russian tourists and publicly apologized for the delay. It said that it will refund the money paid by tourists who have already made bookings and urged customers to contact their tour agents for compensation.

One MVA board member raised the issue between AviaCharters and some hotels in the CNMI, claiming the charter company owes these hotels "undisclosed" amounts under their contract.

MVA board chair Marian-Aldan Pierce said the issue on the contracts between AviaCharters and the hotels is not an MVA matter but between AviaCharters and the hotels.

## MONUMENT

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it away from us."

"A general consensus of people liked the idea of joint management," Hirsch said on the question of who should manage the visitor's center.

The meetings, according to Hirsch, were to hear the "goals and visions" of the community in regards to the monument.

Hirsch said she enjoyed the participation and level of interest from people at the meetings, noting that NOAA and all involved are committed to fulfilling the provisions for the marine monument when President Bush declared it in 2009.

There will be another round of public input in the spring next year, as a draft management plan will be ready by then, Hirsch said.

Parks, along with representatives from the CNMI government, U.S. Fish and Wildlife and NOAA, led the discussion during the three meetings, with the *Saipan Tribune* observing an interactive approach of sticky-notes, back and forths, and bulletin at last Wednesday's meeting at the American Memorial Park, as audience insight flowed freely and participants were encouraged to share their thoughts on how the center would be funded, who would manage it, and where it would be located.

# CUC board doesn't want receivership

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair David Sablan Jr. said the utilities agency is not amenable to being placed under receivership and that it can address stipulated orders with the cooperation of the government and community.

"CUC can do what needs to be done if we can have the community and the government agencies' help by paying CUC," Sablan told reporters yesterday.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has requested the U.S. District Court to appoint a receiver for some court-mandated projects of the embattled utilities company.

Sablan said that everything happening now with CUC is similar to a domino effect.

"The government pays, CUC collects, stipulated projects are funded for, EPA approves the projects, and problems with CUC are addressed and the end result, the community has a better service from the public utilities. We just don't want to go down that road in having a receiver and you don't want it as well," Sablan said.

He said the CUC board can make handle any decisions that a receiver would do with CUC projects

"We don't agree with a receiver because we know what to do. We don't need someone from outside advising us on what to do," he said.

He pointed out that if a receiver does come in, everything will be done under the order of the court.

"If the receiver wants this rate, the [Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission] doesn't have to approve it. … The receiver doesn't need approval, he can just tell them to do this, as if [the order] comes from the court," Sablan said.

"The rates may even be higher than it is now. The main focus is the receiver only wants to complete the projects and they know that the government has the money and if he needs it he will get it from them. You don't need anyone telling you what to do when you know you can do it," he added.

**» Stipulated projects could be done if govt arrears are collected**

The stipulated orders that need to be addressed represent the agreement between the CNMI and EPA on how CUC will come into compliance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter recently inspected all CUC projects related to the stipulated projects and has ordered CUC, EPA, and the CNMI government to come up with a proposed settlement agreement by Thursday.

## Collection of past arrears

According to Sablan, the frustration on Carter's part is that some of the other stipulated order projects have not been funded or have not even began construction yet, and there is no resolution yet on when they will be done.

Sablan said that there are 14 other projects under the stipulated orders.

"The bottom line is that there is no funding for the projects. Those are what we term as 'rate-based projects.' The rates on the bills sent out and cash collected is what will fund these projects and we haven't addressed the problem because a big chunk of the cash flow is supposed to come from the government," Sablan said.

He said that addressing the past arrears of local government agencies and past dues from delinquent accounts and aged accounts could help the completion of the stipulated order projects.

Over $23 million is still uncollected from the central government, the Public School System, and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.; about $5 million is owed by residential customers.

Sablan concedes that EPA funds both of the big stipulated projects: the oil pipeline and tank projects.

"Things have changed and what needed to be addressed, but a good portion of the stipulated projects have not been addressed yet because the money has not been flowing," he said.

On the Tank 101 and Tank 102 projects, which are two large aboveground storage tanks for oil, the problem with both of the tanks are corrosion and roof damage. These two are now offline, leaving only Tank 103 as the main source of storage for oil at Power Plants 1 and 2.

According to Sablan, Tank 102 was put on hold because of additional funding requested by the past contractor, GPPC, and it had used up all the funds to do the project but had done a bad job. Tano Group Inc. is now the contractor. It signed up to do the project a few weeks ago to finish the project.

Sablan said the only issue now is the oil pipeline, an 8-inch aboveground receiving pipeline.

The other stipulated order No. 2 projects—14 unfunded projects—will cost $20 million. CUC was given the order in 2011 to finish all projects but Sablan said that none has been done so far.

## Direction

Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* they will present their position on the matter to the court, but he declined to disclose how they will approach the matter until the scheduled court hearing on Thursday.

"We've directed our legal counsel on our options. The two directions that we have provided our legal counsel is the best we can do for now until the decision is made," Sablan said.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter looks at a portion of the new oil pipeline that connects the Mobil Oil plant to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s power plants in Lower Base. Joining Carter's on-site inspection on Saturday were CUC U.S. Environmental Protection Agency lawyers and officials, and local officials.

**BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTLITIES COMMISSION**

## NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission will conduct a business meeting at 9a.m. on September 25, 2014 at the CDA Conference Room, CDA Building, Beach Road, Oleai, to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome. Reports and other documents relevant to the agenda will be available at the meeting for public inspection. Questions regarding the agenda should be referred to Ms. Rose Ada-Hocog, who serves as the Commission's administrative assistant at 670-989-1199.

**AGENDA**

1. **Administrative matters:**
   a. Call to order; approval of agenda and; determination of quorum
   b. Approval of minutes of the September 4, 2014 business meeting
   c. FY 15 administrative assessments
2. **Docket 13-01: CUC Electric Division**
   a. Commercial IR [incentive rate] contract
   b. Status reports:
      i. September 4, 2014 Tank 102 Procurement Order collateral issues
      ii. July 24, 2014 Administrative Order – regulatory expenses
3. **Docket 09-3: Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation**
   Annual certification for federal universal service support – MTC and PTI
4. **Other business**
5. **Public comments**

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**NMC IFB 14-002**
**NMC Air-Conditioning Project**

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement and installation of high efficiency air–conditioning units for the As Terlaje Campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Monday, September 15, 2014 between the hours of 8: 30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m., As Terlaje Campus, Saipan.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting and site inspection for interested person, firms and corporation will be held on September 24, 2014 at 9:00am, NMC Procurement Management Office, Bldg L, 2nd floor, conference room.

This procurement is 100% Federally Funded made available from the Office of Insular Affairs, Empowering Insular Communities Program.

In accordance with Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is not available to local businesses for this procurement.

Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., October 16, 2014, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950
For Bidders located outside of the CNMI: you may request a copy of the IFB via fax (670) 235-7601 or email to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

Approved by the following:

/s/ Anita Camacho
NMC Procurement Manager

/s/ David J. Attao
Dean of Administration and
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Special Meeting of the Board is scheduled on **Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC's Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan**. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. **PRELIMARY MATTERS**
   a. Call to Order
   b. Roll Call
   c. Adoption of Agenda
   d. Adoption of Minutes
      i. September 10, 2014 Special Board Meeting Minutes

II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

III. **NEW BUSINESS**
   a. Loan Review & Approval

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**
   a. Mortgage Credit Division
      i. HOME Policies and Procedures
      ii. Loan Modification

V. **LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT**

VI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

VII. **OTHER MATTERS**

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

*(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)*

/s/MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

# US govt files 148 more charges vs Tinian Dynasty owner

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REPORTER

From just 10 charges, the U.S. government has added 148 more charges against Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments, Ltd., which used to own Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

A superseding indictment filed in federal court on Monday charged Hong Kong Entertainment with one count of conspiracy to cause a financial institution to fail to file a currency transaction report, 155 counts of failure to file currency transaction reports, one count of failure to file a suspicious activity report, and one count of failure to maintain an effective anti-money laundering program.

If found guilty of one or more of the offenses, the U.S. government wants to forfeit the company's right to all property and money involved in the offense or each transaction that violated the law.

The initial indictment had charged Hong Kong Entertainment and then-VIP services manager George Que and then-casino manager Tim Blyth with only 10 charges.

According to the new indictment, Hong Kong Entertainment allowed gamblers at Tinian Dynasty to conduct transactions involving more than $10,000 without filing currency transaction reports, or CTRs, with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, or FinCEN, from September 2009 to April 25, 2013.

Hong Kong Entertainment allegedly did not file any CTRs on such transactions or cause anyone else to do so, even though the casino was aware of the reporting requirement.

The Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation initiated an undercover operation at Tinian Dynasty in May 2012 by having two agents pose as Russian gamblers wishing to use large amounts of cash but not wanting to file any reports with the U.S. government about it.

Tinian Dynasty allegedly failed to file about 3,640 CTRs for cash transactions over $10,000 as required by law. The total dollar amount of reportable currency transactions that were not filed is about $1.38 million.

Between Feb. 28, 2013, and April 25, 2013, Tinian Dynasty also allegedly failed to file a Suspicious Activity Report with FinCEN about the undercover transactions, and did so as part of a pattern of activity involving more than $100,000 in a 12-month period.

From September 2009 up to April 24, 2013, Tinian Dynasty allegedly failed to develop, implement, and maintain an effective anti-money laundering compliance program, and did so as part of a pattern of illegal activity involving more than $100,000 in a year.

Que and Blyth had entered into a settlement deal with the U.S. government in exchange for the dismissal of the criminal charges against them.

# 'No working fire hydrant at area of house fire'

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

There was no working fire hydrant in the area in Dandan where a fire razed a house on Monday morning, according to Department of Public Safety Fire Division spokesperson Jocelyn Alvarez yesterday.

Alvarez said an Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighter Tanker Unit also responded to the scene to assist with water relay and additional water needs as there was no working hydrant in the area.

Alvarez said DPS police and fire personnel were dispatched to the area after a male caller indicated that his residence was on fire at 11:12am.

She said Forestry I Engine was the first to arrive at the scene at 11:23pm, followed by DPS Fire Division Engine No. 2.

Alvarez said upon arrival, firefighters confirmed that the residence was fully engulfed in flames and most of the structure had already collapsed.

Alvarez said firefighters fully suppressed the fire by 12:03pm.

She said one of the four occupants of the house was treated on scene by medics for a breathing related issue, but subsequently refused to be brought to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Alvarez said the cause of the fire is believed to be electrical in nature.

The residents—a 70-year-old man and his two children—who were all at the house when the fire broke out were not injured after they managed to run outside. The mother was in the neighbor's house when the fire happened.

An explosion from an electric panel box located in one of the rooms in the house reportedly triggered the fire that razed the structure made of light materials.

# Trochus: A new coastal fisheries resource for Samoa

SPC

Samoa is the latest country to successfully develop a new trochus (*Tectus niloticus*) fishery.

**NOUMEA, South Caledonia**—Samoa is the latest country to successfully develop a new trochus (*Tectus niloticus*) fishery. Upon learning of the successful introduction of the species in Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Cook Islands, and French Polynesia, the government of Samoa began its effort to introduce the species in the 1990s. Despite some initial losses, introductions in 2003 and 2006 of stocks from Fiji and Vanuatu have succeeded. Assessments conducted by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the Samoa Fisheries Division in June 2014 (led by SPC Fisheries Scientist Kalo Pakoa) recovered good numbers of live shells on the reefs of Upolu Island from Fangaloa Bay in the south all the way to Manono in the north.

Trochus is valued for its meat and its shell, which is used to make buttons, jewelry and handicrafts. In countries such as Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, and Papua New Guinea, there are factories that process trochus shells for export, handling around 100 to 200 tons annually. The main markets for these products are Italy, Korea, and Japan. Its meat is a source of protein for the coastal people and it can also be sold at the local market. Because of the demand, stocks have been heavily fished in many of its natural locations, and translocation of wild stocks has been an effective management option.

Trochus is one of the most mobilized wild marine stocks in the Pacific Islands region. Since the 1920s over 100 wild stock translocations and introductions have been made between reefs, islands, and countries to locations where original stocks have been overexploited and to new reefs in islands and countries wanting to develop the resource. The ability of the shellfish to survive a few days out of water makes it possible to transport trochus over long distances from source locations by road, sea and air. To date, concerns about the introduction of the species in the Pacific Islands have been minimal, and the species continues to be moved around today.

While the resource is yet to be fully developed in Samoa, a new trochus fishery has emerged. Since 2009, harvesting of trochus has become a new coastal fisheries activity for the people of Upolu Island. The meat, eaten at home or sold at roadside markets, is consumed raw in seawater mixed with other invertebrates and is sold in bottles at WST 15.00 to WST 25.00 per bottle for small to large bottles. Landed quantities of meat for 2009 and 2010 were 410 kg and 764 kg. The shells are not being utilized at this stage; making use of the shell could double or triple the current value of the shellfish.

Now that the resource had established, the next step is to put in place management measures to allow the resource to fully develop and fishing activities to be sustainable. SPC is working with Samoa Fisheries Division to develop a new trochus fishery management plan. This work is supported by the European Union-funded SciCOFish (Scientific Support for the Management of Oceanic Fisheries in the Pacific Islands Region) project. ***(SPC)***

# Increased rainfall seen in next two days

A tropical disturbance has been located southeast of Guam and there is a possibility it will strengthen in the next two days.

Based on the information from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, a broad circulation is centered near 12N and 148E, which is about 250 miles east southeast of Guam. Rain bands associated with the circulation cover a large area, which includes most of the Mariana Islands.

Computer models indicate this system will gradually become better organized. The center is expected to pass through the far Northern Mariana Islands on Wednesday night or Thursday. The monsoon trough will lift northward in tandem with the tropical disturbance. As a result, rain bands accompanied by gusty northwest to southwest winds can be expected for Guam as well as the Northern Mariana Islands during the next couple of days. The potential exists for locally heavy rainfall. Additional rainfall amounts of 2 to 4 inches are possible. Rainfall amounts will vary depending on the exact track and future development of the disturbance.

This remains a steadily evolving weather pattern that will need to be monitored closely. The public is being urged to stay informed on this developing situation. Keep abreast of the latest forecasts and listen for any further statements or warnings from the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office.

The agency will be monitoring the movement of this tropical disturbance and will be issuing bulletins as they become available. Please continue to monitor the official bulletins that will be available through local media sources and NOAA weather radio broadcast on 162.5 megahertz, or dial 211, or CNMI EOC Dispatch Center at 237-8000, and for the Northern Islands to contact CNMI EOC Dispatch Center at high frequency single side band radio on frequency 5.205.0. ***(PR)***

# Asiana slashes Saipan fares as suspension looms

Asiana Airlines has begun selling roundtrip tickets from Incheon International Airport to Saipan for just W255,000 including fuel surcharge (US$1=W1,044). The price is half of what budget carriers are offering.

The bargain tickets are sold on condition that travelers leave Korea between Oct. 11 and 13 and return between Oct. 21 and 24.

They have to stay in Saipan for more than a week because the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transportation ordered Asiana to cancel all flights between Saipan and Incheon for one week starting on Oct. 14.

The ministry imposed the punitive measure because in April an Asiana passenger jet continued flying for four hours even after a warning signal told pilots that something was wrong with the engine.

A travel agent explains the low fare. "Package tours to Saipan generally last four to six days, so who'd pay full price when they have to stay there for over a week?" he said. ***(Chosun.com)***

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Kagman High Family Game Night tonight

Kagman High School will be hosting Family Game Night at the school cafeteria today, Sept. 24, from 6pm to 8pm. This is the second time KHS will be hosting Game Night, a time for KHS stakeholders to get together and play games that activate literacy skills. All parents who attend will earn tickets for the end-of-the-year parent raffle. All students who attend will earn tickets for the end-of-the-year student raffle. For more information, call the main office at 237-3840. ***(PR)***

### *John Gonzales LIVE* features PSS officials

The *John Gonzales LIVE* show today will feature the topic "HLI 18-12 to increase PSS Guaranteed Funding Level to 25 percent." Guest speakers are Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.; PSS Associate Commissioner Jackie A. Quitugua; and Board of Education members.

The show will air live today, Sept. 24, 2014, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on TV Channel 14. The program also rebroadcasts on www.betelnutradio.com. The show will be replayed on Monday, Sept. 29, and Tuesday, Sept. 30.

To participate in the discussion, contact via email: johngonzaleslive@gmail.com; call 287-9413 or text 285-META (6382). ***(PR)***

### KagES PTSA meeting set

There will be a PTSA meeting on Sept. 29 at the Kagman Elementary School cafeteria starting at 6pm. Your attendance is greatly appreciated. Please remember that we need a quorum of 50 parents to hold the meeting. ***(PR)***

### PGG Guam closed for holidays

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam will be closed on the following holidays:

■ Monday, Oct. 6, 2014: Eidul Adha

■ Monday, Oct. 13, 2014: Columbus Day

For urgent consular matters, a duty officer can be contacted at (671) 448-4630. ***(PCG)***

### Little League Baseball membership meeting

The Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. is inviting all managers, coaches, parents, and interested individuals for the general membership meeting to elect new board members for the 2015-2016 Little League Season. The meeting will be held on Oct. 4, 2014, starting at 9am, at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium pavilion. Please mark your calendar and be there. ***(PR)***

### Diabetes coalition set membership meeting

The Commonwealth Diabetes Coalition is scheduling their general membership meeting on Friday, Oct. 3, 2014, at the Office on Aging conference room from 9:30am to 11:30am. All CDC members as well as interested individuals, organizations, partner agencies from government and non-government, and faith-based organizations are invited to attend this meeting. For more information about the scheduled CDC meeting, contact Ayuda Network, Inc. at 234-7469 or via email at ayudanet1@ayuda-cnmi.org. ***(Ayuda)***

**NMDC schedule of events**

The Northern Marianas Descent Corp. has scheduled the following events:

■ NMDC-hosted Delegate Candidates' Forum on Friday, Sept. 26, starting at 6pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

■ NMDC-hosted 1st Marianas Indigenous Conference on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 29 and 30, from 7:30am to 4:30pm, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe

■ NMDC-hosted CNMI Gubernatorial Candidates Forum on Friday, Oct. 10, starting at 6pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe. ***(NMDC)***

### Survivors, caregivers support meeting tomorrow

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting tomorrow, Sept. 25, starting at 5:30pm at the Chamolinian Room of the Hyatt Regency Saipan. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(CCA)***

# Red Cross assists family of Dandan house fire

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Firemen finish up dousing the flames that razed this single-family dwelling in Dandan on the morning of Sept. 22, 2014.

The American Red Cross NMI Chapter provided assistance to the family of a house fire in Dandan on the morning of Sept. 22, 2014.

The single-family dwelling, which was home to a family of four, was completely destroyed by the fire. No one was reported hurt.

The Red Cross Disaster Action Team responded to the fire scene and worked closely with the family to provide them with much needed assistance for food, clothing and other personal items.

"We can't thank our donors enough for their continued support of the American Red Cross. Their support brings immediate relief and hope to victims of disasters," said Paul W. Camacho, Emergency Services director of the American Red Cross. "Furthermore, it allows us to fulfill our mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors."

For information regarding the Red Cross, contact Camacho at 670-234-3459. ***(ARC)***

# Next Marriage Encounter Weekend set

Want to spend an unforgettable weekend with your spouse to rediscover your hopes and dreams? When was the last time you spent time alone with your spouse to reconnect and share some true quality time?

You can turn your marriage into a great marriage through a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The emphasis of the M.E. Weekend is on the communication between husbands and wives. The Weekend provides a conducive environment for couples to spend time together, encouraging them to focus on each other and their relationship. It's not a retreat, marriage clinic, or substitute for counseling. Couples are not required to share anything with anyone else. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing marriage so it truly is a marriage enrichment program.

The CNMI's next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held on Oct. 10 to 12, 2014, at the new Mango Resort Saipan. The cost is $100 per couple. Space is limited to only 25 couples!

For further information or a registration form, contact any of the following individuals:

October 2014 Weekend Coordinators:

■ Russ and Kanae Quinn (Tel: 285-1168; email: kanaequinn@gmail.com)

October 2014 Weekend Co-Coordinators:

■ Curtis and Sonya Dancoe (Tel: 285-9901; email: dancoe1@gmail.com)

October 2014 Registration Couple:

■ Calistro and Phyllisina Reyes (Tel: 285-0608; email: phyllisina.reyes@gmail.com)

You may also contact the Ecclesial Team/executive board members:

■ Fr. Ike Ayuyu (Tel: 256-4568; email: ikeayuyu@gmail.com

■ Charles & Cathy Cepeda (Tel: 483-7000; email: csablancepeda@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

**TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION**
Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

**AGENDA**

I. Preliminary
   a. Call to Order
   b. Roll Call
   c. Adoption of Agenda
   d. Adoption of Minutes

II. Public Comments

III. Reports
   a. Chair's Report
   b. Executive Director's Report

IV. Old Business
   a. Proposed Technical Standards Regulations

V. New Business
   a. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
   b. Casino Employee License Applications and Hotel Employee Registrations

VI. Executive Session

VII. Miscellaneous/Administrative Matters

VIII. Adjournment

[1]Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[2]Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- CECILIA NAPUTI RIOS, Defendant. | ] CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0425 ] ] ] **SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE** | |

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 3, 2011, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 005 I 021, situated in Koblerville, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 1,051 square meters, more or less, as shown on Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 01, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 16706 on March 11, 1983, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 24, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 15th day of September, 2014:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- ANTONIA URUMELOG, Defendant. | ] CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0424 ] ] ] **THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE** | |

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on December 22, 2008 I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 010 K 225, situated in Dandan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 920 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 010 K 01, dated August 19, 1987, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 87-2909, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 24, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 15th day of September, 2014:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| BANK OF HAWAII, Plaintiff, v. CLARINDA BESONG aka CLARINDA B. HIDEO, Defendant. | ] CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0067 ] ] **NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE** | |

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to the Default Judgment and Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 12, 2014, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right and interests of Defendant in and to the following real property, located in Koblerville, Saipan, CNMI:

Leasehold estate created by a certain lease made by Ramon S. Salas and Elsa V. Salas, as lessor, to Clarinda Besong as lessee, dated July 27, 2001 and recorded on March 28, 2002 as Document No. 02-674 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan, the following described premises, to wit;

Lot 005 I 299 as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 05, the original of which was recorded 31 JULY 84 as Document No. 84-1364 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan.

1. **Date, Time and Place of Sale.** The sale is open to the general public (including the Defendants), and will be held on **Thursday, October 9, 2014**, at the hour of **10:30 a.m. at the entrance to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, D'Torres Bldg, Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI**. Registration for the auction sale will begin at 10:15 a.m.

2. **Change of Terms and Conditions.** The undersigned reserves the right to change the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, before the auction date and time or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, will be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 16th day of September, 2014.

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# Valiant Shield 2014 comes to successful end

Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Tyler Joosten from Salt Lake City, Utah, signals an MH-60R Sea Hawk helicopter from the Saberhawks of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (77 as it launches off the flight deck of the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS *Halsey*.

MC3 BRADLEY J. GEE

By TECH. SGT. BROK MCCARTHY
III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

**ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam**—The fifth iteration of Valiant Shield came to a close here Sept. 23 after nine days of joint air, land, and sea interoperability training between the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Army.

"Overall, Valiant Shield 2014 was a very successful exercise," said Rear Adm. Russell Allen, Valiant Shield exercise director. "Opposition forces provided a robust challenge to our air, sea, and cyber forces, which enhanced our ability to function as a joint force and validated the Air-Sea Battle concept. The lessons learned will help further the development of tactics, techniques, and procedures in the joint environment, especially those for the Air-Sea-Battle concept."

The goal of Valiant Shield 2014 was to bring together more than 18,000 service members, 200 aircraft and 19 surface vessels to developing a "pre-integrated" joint force built from habitual relationships. This force builds interoperable and complementary cross-domain capabilities and benefits from realistic, shared training enhancing the flexibility to develop new tactics, techniques, and procedures as operational conditions dictate. Such forces will provide the deterrence and stabilizing effects of a force-in-being, ready at the outset of a contingency without delays for buildups or extensive mission rehearsal.

During the air operation portions of the exercise, the Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps completed scenarios that included simulated defensive counter-air missions, strike missions, suppressions of enemy air defenses, maritime interdiction, air-to-air refueling, and command and control operations.

In addition, U.S. infantry Marines, along with Guam National Guardsmen, conducted an island seizure exercise on Tinian Island, approximately 50 miles north of Guam. Marines were inserted on the island by two Ospreys from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF. Once on the beach, they encountered opposition provided by Guam's

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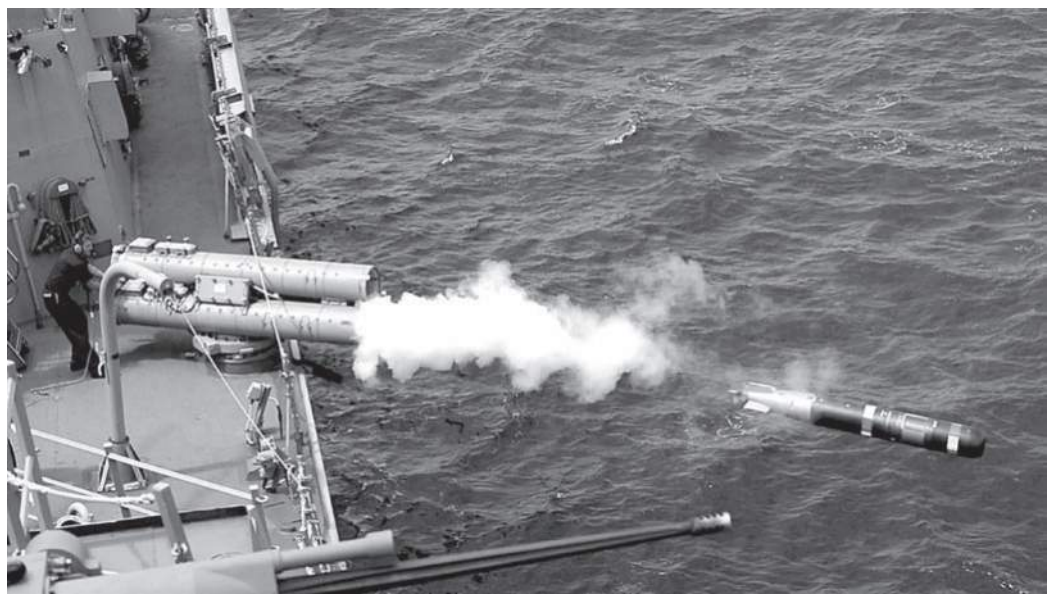

MC2 DECLAN BARNES

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS *Mustin* (DDG 89) fires a torpedo at a simulated target during Valiant Shield 2014.

MC3 CHRIS CAVAGNARO

An F/A-18E Super Hornet from the "Dambusters" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 195 launches from the flight deck of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* as part of Valiant Shield 2014.

MC3 CHRIS CAVAGNARO

An E-2C Hawkeye from the "Liberty Bells" of Airborne Early Warning Squadron 115 launches from the flight deck of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* as part of Valiant Shield 2014.

AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. WILLIAM BANTON

A U.S. Air Force F-16C Fighting Falcon from the 18th Aggressor Squadron, Eielson Air Force Base, prepares to refuel from KC-10 Extender from the 32nd Air Refueling Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst during Valiant Shield 2014.

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Army National Guard, Company A, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry. Over the course of several days, the infantry faced increasingly complicated scenarios while trying to capture an old World War II-era compound.

Valiant Shield 2014 featured several firsts, including the deployment of an Army Patriot missile battery, from the 1-1 Air Defense Artillery Battalion, and the integration of the Task Force Talon terminal high altitude area defense battery assets, previously deployed to Guam.

One of the many sea-based Valiant Shield scenarios was a live-fire sink exercise, which sank the decommissioned USS *Fresno* in waters 18,000 feet deep, approximately 215 nautical miles northeast of Guam.

Units from the U.S. Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps also participated in the sinking exercise, firing a variety of ship-based and aircraft-based weaponry to enhance tactical proficiency and targeting against a surface target at sea.

The lessons learned from exercises like VS14 will assist the U.S. in continuing to develop regional and global power projection capabilities that provide a full range of options to succeed in defense of its interests and those of its allies and partners around the world.

"Valiant Shield was extremely successful for gathering lessons learned in a joint environment," said Brig. Gen. Andrew Toth, Valiant Shield air boss. "Weather was an issue at the beginning, but thanks to the hard work of some dedicated people, we were able to accomplish all of our objectives. What we learned during Valiant Shield will provide us invaluable improvements to the way we plan and execute future operations."

An F-15 Eagle from the U.S. Air Force 44th Fighter Squadron refuels with a KC-135 Stratotanker from the Air Force 909th Refueling Squadron, while conducting joint air operations during Valiant Shield 2014.

MCS1 CARLA BURDT

Airmen deployed to the 36th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., wash a B-52 Stratofortess, which participated in Valiant Shield joint air operations.

AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. WILLIAM BANTON

MC3 CHRIS CAVAGNARO

Sailors attach cargo legs to an MH-60S Seahawk from the "Golden Falcons" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 12 on the flight deck of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* during a replenishment-at-sea with Military Sealift Command dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS *Cesar Chavez.* During the RAS, ships from Commander, Task Force 70 and 73 participated in a simulated submarine threat exercise for Valiant Shield 2014. Valiant Shield is a U.S.-only exercise integrating an estimated 18,000 Navy, Air Force, Army and Marine Corps personnel, more than 200 aircraft and 19 surface ships, offering real-world joint operational experience to develop capabilities that provide a full range of options to defend U.S. interests and those of its allies and partners.

MC3 CHRIS CAVAGNARO

Sailors transport ordnance on the flight deck of the forward deployed aircraft carrier USS *George Washington* as part of Valiant Shield 2014.

LANCE CPL. TYLER NGIRASWEI

Two MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft containing Marine infantrymen land near Tinian's North Field on Sept. 20 as part of the island seizure portion of Valiant Shield 2014. The Marines within the aircraft disembarked and the Osprey took off before the Marines made their way to reclaim a compound that has been captured by opposing forces, represented by Guam Army National Guard's Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment. The Ospreys are with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

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## EDITORIAL

# Where are all the new businesses?

America's businesses are getting older and fatter, while many new businesses are dying in infancy. Regulations, bailouts and crony capitalism are choking off our economic promise.

A study last month by the Brookings Institution found that the proportion of older firms has grown steadily over several decades, just as the survival rate of new companies has fallen. In addition, and in spite of popular perception, young people are starting companies at a sharply lower rate than in the past. American businesses, in the words of the study authors, are "old and fat."

A new report from the National Association of Manufacturers shows a major cause: The cost of complying with government regulations has risen to more than $2 trillion annually, or 12 percent of the GDP, and this cost falls disproportionately on smaller, newer businesses.

It's risky, difficult and expensive to start a business, and getting more so. Governments are imposing onerous new rules on a seemingly daily basis: health insurance, minimum wage hikes and, most recently in California, mandatory paid sick days for even hourly employees. These mandates shift substantial social welfare costs directly onto often-struggling small businesses, while being proportionally much less costly for larger companies.

Mature, successful corporations can hire lobbyists, employ ex-lawmakers with connections, dispense campaign contributions and even write regulations for themselves. They are also more likely to want to protect steady revenue streams than revolutionize their industry.

We also live in the age of the bailout. Major companies that have been so ill-managed they would otherwise collapse—airlines, car companies and banks—stagger on because politicians ride to the rescue with bags of taxpayer money.

The genius of our unique system of government is the determination to protect and defend the rights of the individual over the rights of the nation. As such, the rise of a well-connected oligarchy that protects big business at the expense of small business, and the established over the new, is antithetical to American ideals.

It also makes the arguments of socialism distressingly more attractive to those who don't understand that free markets are our best chance for prosperity for all. Income inequality—which is directly caused by flawed government policy—is being touted as the reason to impose more of that bad policy. But let's be perfectly clear, we do not have a free market. We have a market where government picks winners and losers through regulations and handouts.

Politics is, and always has been, about balancing competing interests seeking to benefit themselves, and that's as it should be, but the force of government should never be used to crush competition, kill innovation or support and extend artificial monopolies to the detriment of the consumer, the taxpayer and the economy. Policy must incubate our new and small businesses or see the as-yet undreamed of innovations that could be our bright future die in infancy.

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# Truth and lying

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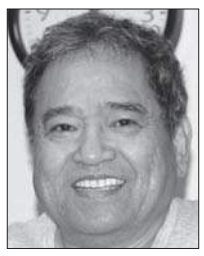

My brother once referred to one of my columns on our mother as a "pack of lies." We were not at the time in the best of terms so I dismissed his comments as expressing hidden hostilities until another brother essentially said the same thing. Conversant with the wisdom of Brad Blanton's *Radical Honesty* that sees all humans trained to lie, or the popular spirited atheist Sam Harris' write-up on *Lying,* that came as a wake-up call on the level of knowledge I thought I was very careful about in my writings.

I tried to understand the import of words I used. "Lies" in my vocab results from attempts to deceive but there I do use metaphors. Perhaps I just use too much of it! Not a conscious liar nor deceiver, I am, however, clear that my brothers have seen something that I don't. (Would be helpful if they'd go into details!)

An additional possible view is that my brothers do not see "truth" from what might be fuzzy facts of metaphors, analogies and similes. In the spectrum of knowledge, I classify four types of knowing (like all typology, this serves the mind more than clarity on knowledge): the indicative (fact), subjunctive (sentiment), cognitive (discursive), and imperative (deed). The adage "Truth is in the pudding" reflects the understanding that it is the deed that is the done deal.

The worldwide network of the Institute of Cultural uses the O.R.I.D. formula in imaginal education. In their technology of participation, the letters stand for: O=objective, R=reflective, I=interpretive, and D=decisional.

There is nothing esoteric about this scheme, following stimuli that the brainstem receives as sense experience is registered, with emotional expressions processed in the middle brain, cognitive functions in the outer brain, and the whole cranium along with the heart, bile, kidney, stomach, liver and gut colloquially determining the course of action.

Science introduced quantifiable terms at the objective level, measureable within a spectrum. Colleges are organized according to disciplines to determine specific fields of knowledge. The widely used metaphor is that of sight: tell me what you see, draw me a picture. The sense experiences of touch (skin), sound (ear), smell (nose), and taste (mouth) are the other proper subjects of science. Dominant biology and ecology are sensual, cuisine is a universally popular folk art, scents are on the first floor of department stores.

Internal responses are of two kinds: the emotional and intellectual. They are not verifiable but can be shared. For sure, one can use such terms as real or authentic, but those are judgments of the onlooker. "I know how you feel" is empathy, not accurate sense knowledge. Psychology is our science on interpersonal and human relations, with the other side of the coin sociology, the development, structure, and functioning of society.

Symbol, picture, image, and emblem used in simile, allegory, idiom and parable express emotions. Intensity of passion measures the quality of response. Looking at how others respond, identifying similarities and contrasts, likeness and dissonance, parallels and contradictions and discussing the same with others in words, numbers and gestures, constitute the activity of comparing and arriving at social significance and meaning.

When EU used "sanctions as strategy" to pressure Russia, a means at a negotiating advantage, Russia came back to suggest that it will take first strike a Russian option, including the nuclear one. I am hopeful the rhetoric stays at the level of verbal threat without proceeding to the scary level of behavior.

George II Bush sent troops to Iraq on the notion that preemptive military offense is the best defense of national security post-9/11. Obama sets his cross sights on the renegade Islamic State and, not surprisingly, receives the same criticism he levels against Russia of violating sovereign integrity *sans* consent of the sitting executive when he leers at Syria!

Ethics point to behavior where consensus is possible. Two service providers for the autism community have one saying, "Vaccines saved a lot of lives" and the other, "Vaccines can cause inflammation of the brain." I see them both as being defensibly truthful. Consensus is not in facts, psychological affirmations, and sociological verities, though sharing can lead to it. It is in conduct that consensus is possible.

The question is not whether we sense, feel, or think similarly; the issue is whether we are headed in the same direction, behave in tandem. If a question asks for a "yes" or "no" answer, it is a question of what to do and how to act, rather than an agreement on feelings and meanings. My brothers and I might differ and may not see similar truths from the same metaphors but it does not mean anyone is lying!

I often want to scream at friends who empathetically say, "I understand" when they possibly couldn't, but folks do express different perspectives and views, and for that, I am grateful.

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# Using the thoughtful process

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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To unravel the fatal lack of leadership and vision, it may be good to heed a famous philosopher's suggestion that we don the mindset of Christopher Columbus. The point is to open more worlds within us, not to explore more continents but opening channels, not of trade but of thought.

Imagine the strides we could have made had we employed the thoughtful process. It would have paved the pathway to sturdy economic recovery. But leadership is a dearth when we most need it!

How much longer could we navigate a canoe without a captain, sails, and paddles to steer it to safe port? If it has to be mutiny on a canoe, then let it be done with impunity. This misery in the abyss of abject poverty where nothing is certain but uncertainty does nothing but send us to the Disneyland of Despair.

People we have entrusted the roles of leadership are caught in the crossfire of ignorance, disengagement, and disconnect, thus the persistent lack of purpose and direction. So the political wildebeest syndrome takes command and control, allowing their being shepherded into a corner where factotums (blind loyalists) are ordered to do their dirty laundry. Isn't this Corruption 101?

The net effect of negligence is the reversal in the livelihood of our people three years back. Thus, the concerted negligence and arrogance translates to the elected elite sending the quality of life here 30 years back. I don't know if serious budgetary shortfall is your definition of economic recovery where bankruptcy waits and sleeps at the front door, daily!

I've listened to spouts that depict their wading in the shallows of lack of ability to understand the issues clearly. Some can see the trees but consistently miss the shape, size, and density of the forest. They sound like they have command of the issues but miss the heart of the matter by oceans apart. Humiliating!

Had conscientious leadership been in place, there could very well have been real time economic recovery. But such isn't the case as the disoriented and disengaged struggle to figure out "what is north!" This disconnect is a fatal flaw so far removed from building good governance!

**Contraction:** We once had tons of money. Now we don't! I've even gone into shelves and old briefcases doing search and rescue for pennies, nickels, and dimes. Nada!

Between San Antonio and San Roque are huge empty buildings covered with overgrowth and trash. They were once clean and occupied by apparel employees by the hundreds. They're now empty and have turned into ghostly places.

The small trucks that usually park around these areas at sunset no longer peddle veggies and fruits. Small fastfood joints that once sold donuts and quick refreshments are also closed, shut, and bolted. Empty! Other small shops that once were around have also been shut. The once humming venues have completely turned into ghost towns.

Some favorite Japanese, Korean, and Chinese restaurants have also put up shutters. The rest are taking it a day at a time, hoping something breaks for the better. It's the group that hasn't seen "sunshine" for quite sometime now and is wondering if the sun ever breaks through dark clouds at dawn. It's a sentiment I equally share knowing what they had to endure like paying the obligatory employees' salaries, high power rates, taxes, rent, and the cost of their own basic needs.

The huge economic contraction is such most folks don't pay me any mind, humming a tune from the four famous Liverpool lads, *Hard Days Night.*

**Greed:** The Legislature created senatorial delegations, another layer of wasteful power grab and in the process robs municipal councils their fiduciary roles. The councils have been emasculated of authority it can't even find meaningful forms of taxation to engage in, e.g., island beautification or something or other.

The law establishing senatorial delegations must be repealed and the role of municipal councils restored. To hawk and hug over power you hardly dispose in meaningful disposition is a waste of time and taxpayers' hard-earned taxes. This has got to change so we equally acknowledge the origin of our democratic republic founded a long time ago in municipal governments.

**Corruption:** In the Tinian mayoral intramural slugfest, someone said he isn't voting for the incumbent mayor because he never hired any of his family. Nice try! In its very essence, this pal is known as Corruption 101! You must insist on leadership to work on economic prosperity where everybody gets a fair shot at moving forward.

**Strange:** About 10 years ago, I took my last trip to the U.S. mainland between here, Tokyo, and Houston. My return trip included the Guam leg where I had to wait for six long hours before connecting to Saipan the next morning.

Not sure whether it was jet lag but there was something strange about it. Perhaps it was the must-layover in Guam that I found despicably frustrating. Imagine tourists from Japan who had to endure the same long wait just to visit Saipan. Unfortunately, direct flights from Tokyo to Saipan kept decreasing. I knew then that tourism would take a nosedive and it did, royally too.

Good tidings of a gradually resurging tourism industry sounds great, with occupancy rate hitting beyond 80 percent. But the greater economic issue is: How much has actually gone into the local coffers? I think we should focus a bit more on the income generation of the industry to see how has it positively impacted local revenue collection. After all, it's our last economic pillar! Any ideas?

# Clinton needs to show that she's not Obama 2.0

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Americans tend to choose presidents who differ from their predecessors, regardless of whether they come from different parties or from the same party.

That's readily evident in comparing Bill Clinton with George W. Bush or Bush with Barack Obama. But it was also true for the first George Bush, who promised and delivered an administration "kinder and gentler" than Ronald Reagan's, though they were both Republicans who agreed on most issues.

Now, as Hillary Clinton gives every sign of running again in 2016, one of her biggest challenges may be to overcome the indication in polls that Americans want something very different from President Obama. Her options are limited, since she is unlikely to join leading Republicans in urging dramatic policy changes such as repealing or significantly changing the Affordable Care Act or challenging Obama's basic economic and social policies.

In recent weeks, the former secretary of state has illustrated their stylistic differences by advocating a tougher tone toward Russia and the Middle East. And she has shown signs she would try to tackle a leading goal of party populists unhappy with Obama, the growing economic inequality exacerbated by the Great Recession and its lingering aftermath.

More immediately, her speech at Sunday's Harkin Steak Fry in Indianola, Iowa, underscored her need, if she runs, to add substance to the basic election choice she outlined there: "the (GOP) guardians of gridlock and the champions of shared opportunity and shared prosperity."

"It is true I am thinking about it," she acknowledged to the crowd, many wearing "READY" T-shirts. "But for today, that is not why I'm here. I'm here for the steak." Judging from some comments from wary Iowans, her 2016 agenda will first need to answer the question that exemplified another Democratic campaign some three decades ago, "Where's the Beef?"

When she does, however, her policy pronouncements are unlikely to display greater substantive difference with Obama than the more superficial and stylistic ones already evident.

In an age where visuals count, the fact that she is a white woman, hoping to succeed an African-American man, may well affect those two influential political constituencies. But there are clear differences of style.

He is a cautious intellectual who has proved better at developing policies than selling them. She is blunter and more politically attuned to the necessity of cultivating political relationships to achieve substantive goals.

She showed that in both the Senate and the State Department and, in a CNN Town Hall in June, used words that seemed clearly designed to contrast those differences. "Some people can paint a beautiful vision," she said. "And, thankfully, we can all learn from that. But then, can you, with the tenacity, the persistence, the getting-knocked down/getting-back-up resilience, can you lead us there?"

In another speech, she recalled how her husband dealt with a Republican Congress. Though it twice shut down the government and impeached him, "Bill never stopped reaching out to them."

Obama has done that far less, complicating enactment of important legislative proposals.

Timing might also help show a subtle difference between them. By agreeing to become his secretary of state, she bolstered both his presidency and her future, ensuring party unity past the next election.

She shared in some of his more significant first-term successes, the winding down of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and the capture of Osama bin Laden, a mission she favored and a potential rival, Vice President Joe Biden, opposed.

But she was gone when his second-term problems arose, including those—with Russia and Syria—where she had already indicated she favored a different policy.

If the 2016 choice is seen as either a third Obama term or something different, polls indicate Americans would favor the latter. So the more that Hillary Clinton can sell the idea she represents a change from President Obama, without alienating his base, the better her chances.

# Advertisers' reaction could upend NFL

**By YAEL T. ABOUHALKAH**
The Kansas City Star

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A potential sea-change occurred Tuesday in the ongoing stories about out-of-control players in the National Football League.

Forty-nine words from Anheuser-Busch indicate that the NFL and Commissioner Roger Goodell are going to be pressured by sponsors to change their ways.

And if that doesn't happen, the NFL could be in big trouble financially.

The league has built itself into a multibillion-dollar enterprise the old-fashioned way: with the help of America's leading businesses. And Anheuser-Busch has been front-and-center along the way, with its ads for beer plastered all over the place.

But what happens if those sponsors find a backbone and tell the NFL it must take more seriously the actions of its players when they beat women and children, as Ray Rice and Adrian Peterson, respectively, have been accused of doing?

From the Anheuser-Busch statement:

"We are disappointed and increasingly concerned by the recent incidents that have overshadowed this NFL season. We are not yet satisfied with the league's handling of behaviors that so clearly go against our own company culture and moral code. We have shared our concerns and expectations with the league."

Granted, that doesn't mean the tens of millions of dollars in beer sponsorship funds will stop flowing into the pockets of the NFL's owners.

However, it's a big-time indicator that the sponsors are hearing from Americans who are sick and tired of the way the NFL has coddled its players for too many years.

Here's another indication:

On Monday, the Radisson hotel chain suspended its sponsorship of the Minnesota Vikings because of Peterson's indictment for child abuse.

The statement: "Radisson takes this matter very seriously, particularly in light of our long-standing commitment to the protection of children. We are closely following the situation and effective immediately, Radisson is suspending its limited sponsorship of the Minnesota Vikings while we evaluate the facts and circumstances."

It would be great to see other sponsors standing up for women and children, especially, the ones who too often are abused but forgotten by the NFL when it comes to meting out punishment to its players.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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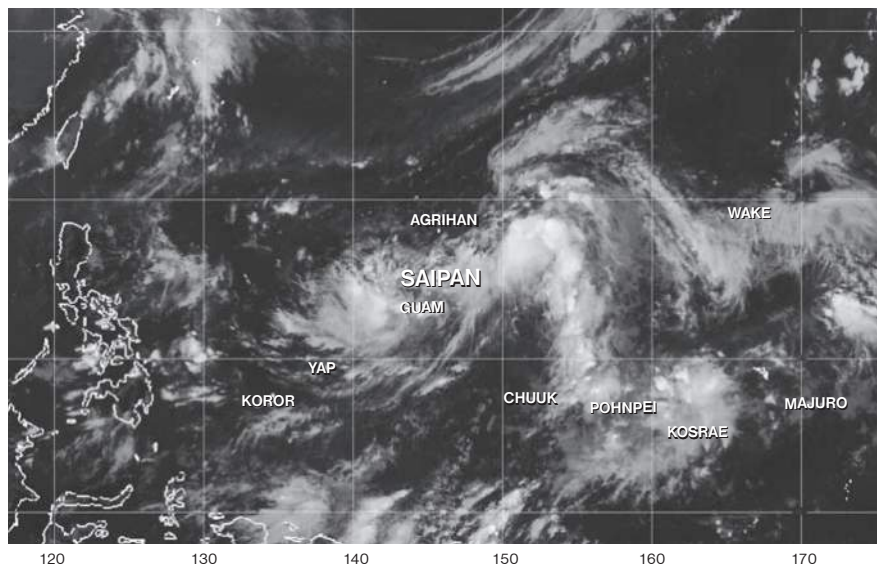


**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends eastward from 13N130E to a developing circulation centered east of Guam at 13N149E. This system is the subject of a Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center. For updates on this system, see bulletins issued under WMO header WTPN21 PGTW. The monsoon trough then curves southeastward to end near a weak circulation centered near Kwajalein at 9N166E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found from near Yap to over the Marianas between 8N and 16N from 138E to 146E and also east of the Marianas within 175 miles of a line from 14N147E to 17N154E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the Kwajalein circulation are taking place over Pohnpei and Kosrae in an area bounded by a line from 15N154E to 7N168E to 1N154E back to 15N154E. An upper-level low is centered southwest of Minami Tori Shima at 20N151E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring between 18N and 25N from 150E to 155E.

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2:42 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.5 Feet |
| 8:30 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |
| 2:54 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.4 Feet |
| 8:47 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 6:06 AM | 6:12 PM |
| Thursday | 6:06 AM | 6:11 PM |
| Friday | 6:06 AM | 6:10 PM |
| Saturday | 6:06 AM | 6:10 PM |
| Sunday | 6:06 AM | 6:09 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 5:49 AM | 6:07 PM |
| Thursday | 6:37 AM | 6:47 PM |
| Friday | 7:26 AM | 7:28 PM |
| Saturday | 8:17 AM | 8:12 PM |
| Sunday | 9:09 AM | 8:58 PM |

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### DEPARTURES

**SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5070 | 4:15am | 5:05am | Daily |
| UA5068 | 8:00am | 8:50am | 3 |
| UA5068 | 8:40am | 9:30am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5039 | 2:30pm | 4:10pm | 6, 7 via Rota |
| UA5078 | 3:20pm | 4:10pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5038 | 3:20pm | 4:10pm | 2, 4 |
| UA5040 | 7:05pm | 7:55pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5078 | 8:35pm | 9:25pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5044 | 10:50pm | 11:40pm | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5039 | 2:30pm | 3:05pm | 6, 7 |

**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5039 | 3:35pm | 4:10pm | 6, 7 |

**SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL287 | 6:05am | 11:15pm | 2, 4, 6 via NRT |

**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:40am | Daily |
| DL297 | 4:35pm | 7:20pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ606 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ606 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OZ604 | 3:30pm | 6:55pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU764A | 4:00am | 8:00am | 4, 7 |
| MU764 | 4:00am | 8:00am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ606/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ606/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA5069/PR111 | 2:45am | 4:50pm | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via Guam |
| UA5070/191 | 4:15am | 8:55am | 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 8:45pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 9:10pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| DL287/473 | 6:05am | 10:20pm | Daily via NRT |
| UA5071/PR111 | 6:40am | 4:50pm | 3 via Guam |
| UA5071/PR111 | 7:15am | 4:50pm | 1, 5, 6, 7 via Guam |
| UA5068/183 | 8:00am | 9:10pm | 3 via GUM |
| UA5068/183 | 8:40am | 8:45pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5068/183 | 8:40am | 9:10pm | 1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA5039/183 | 2:30pm | 9:10pm | 6, 7 via Rota-GUM |
| UA5038/183 | 3:20pm | 8:45pm | 2 via GUM |
| UA5078/183 | 3:20pm | 8:45pm | 5 via GUM |
| UA5078/183 | 3:20pm | 9:10pm | 1 via GUM |
| UA5038/183 | 3:20pm | 9:10pm | 4 via GUM |
| OZ604/703 | 3:30pm | 10:45pm | 2, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ606/721 | 2:20am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ606/723 | 2:20am | 12:50pm | 1 via ICN |
| OZ606/721 | 2:50am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ606/723 | 2:50am | 12:50pm | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/179 | 4:15am | 9:55pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA5068/179 | 8:00am | 9:55pm | 3 via GUM |
| UA5068/179 | 8:40am | 9:55pm | 1, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA5039/179 | 2:30pm | 9:55pm | 6 via Rota-GUM |
| UA5078/179 | 3:20pm | 9:55pm | 1, 5 via GUM |
| OZ604/749 | 3:30pm | 11:00pm | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| OZ604/749 | 3:30pm | 11:40pm | 7 via ICN |

### ARRIVALS

**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5069 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| UA5071 | 6:40am | 7:30am | 3 |
| UA5071 | 7:15am | 8:05am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5039 | 1:10pm | 2:00pm | 6, 7 |
| UA5038 | 1:10pm | 2:50pm | 2, 4 via Rota |
| UA5077 | 2:00pm | 2:50pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5041 | 5:45pm | 6:35pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5077 | 7:15pm | 8:05pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5043 | 9:30pm | 10:20pm | 1, 5 |

**GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5038 | 1:10pm | 1:45pm | 2, 4 |

**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA5038 | 2:15pm | 2:50pm | 2, 4 |

**PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL298 | 4:30am | 3:05pm | 3, 5, 7 via NRT |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL298 | 10:25am | 3:05pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:55pm | 1:30am+1 | Daily |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ603 | 8:50am | 2:20pm | Daily |
| OZ605 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ605 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

**BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU763A | 6:50pm | 2:30am+1 | 3, 6 |
| MU763 | 7:20pm | 3:00am+1 | 4, 7 |

**GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ704/603 | 12:10am | 2:20pm | Daily via ICN |
| PR110/UA5041 | 7:35am | 6:35pm | 1,5 via Guam |
| PR110/UA5077 | 7:35am | 8:05pm | 3, 6, 7 via Guam |
| PR110/UA5043 | 7:35am | 10:20pm | 1, 5 via Guam |
| DL172/288 | 7:55am | 1:30am+1 | Daily via NRT |
| UA190/5077 | 9:55am | 8:05pm | 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| OZ702/605 | 12:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA184/5071 | 10:25pm | 7:30am+1 | 3 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 10:25pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5039 | 10:25pm | 2:00pm+1 | 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5038 | 10:25pm | 2:50pm+1 | 4 via GUM-Rota |
| UA184/5077 | 10:25pm | 2:50pm+1 | 1 via GUM |
| UA184/5041 | 10:25pm | 6:35pm+1 | 1 via GUM |
| UA184/5077 | 10:25pm | 8:05pm+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5043 | 10:25pm | 10:20pm+1 | 1 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 11:30pm | 8:05am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA184/5038 | 11:30pm | 2:50pm+1 | 2 via GUM-Rota |
| UA184/5077 | 11:30pm | 2:50pm+1 | 5 via GUM |
| UA184/5041 | 11:30pm | 6:35pm+1 | 5 via GUM |
| UA184/5077 | 11:30pm | 8:05pm+1 | 2 via GUM |
| UA184/5043 | 11:30pm | 10:20pm+1 | 5 via GUM |

**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ746/603 | 12:40am | 2:20pm | Daily via ICN |
| OZ750/603 | 1:40am | 2:20pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/605 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 6 via ICN |
| OZ724/605 | 1:50pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ724/605 | 1:50pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA180/5071 | 9:55pm | 7:30am+1 | 3 via GUM |
| UA180/5071 | 9:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA180/5039 | 9:55pm | 2:00pm+1 | 6 via GUM |
| UA180/5077 | 9:55pm | 2:50pm+1 | 1, 5 via GUM-Rota |
| UA180/5041 | 9:55pm | 6:35pm+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |
| UA180/5077 | 9:55pm | 8:05pm+1 | 3, 6 via GUM |
| UA180/5043 | 9:55pm | 10:20pm+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air; D: Dynamic Airways; ORB: OREN AIR; D2: Dynamic Air

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# Business

# Businesses and investors pressing for green policy

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Hundreds of corporations, insurance companies and pension funds are calling on world leaders gathering for a U.N. summit on climate change this week to attack the problem by making it more costly for businesses and ordinary people to pollute.

The idea, long advocated by policymakers, economists and environmental activists, is that the world can't hope to slow the heating of the planet until its cost is incorporated into the everyday activities that contribute to it, such as using gas- or coal-generated electricity, driving a car, shipping a package or flying around the globe.

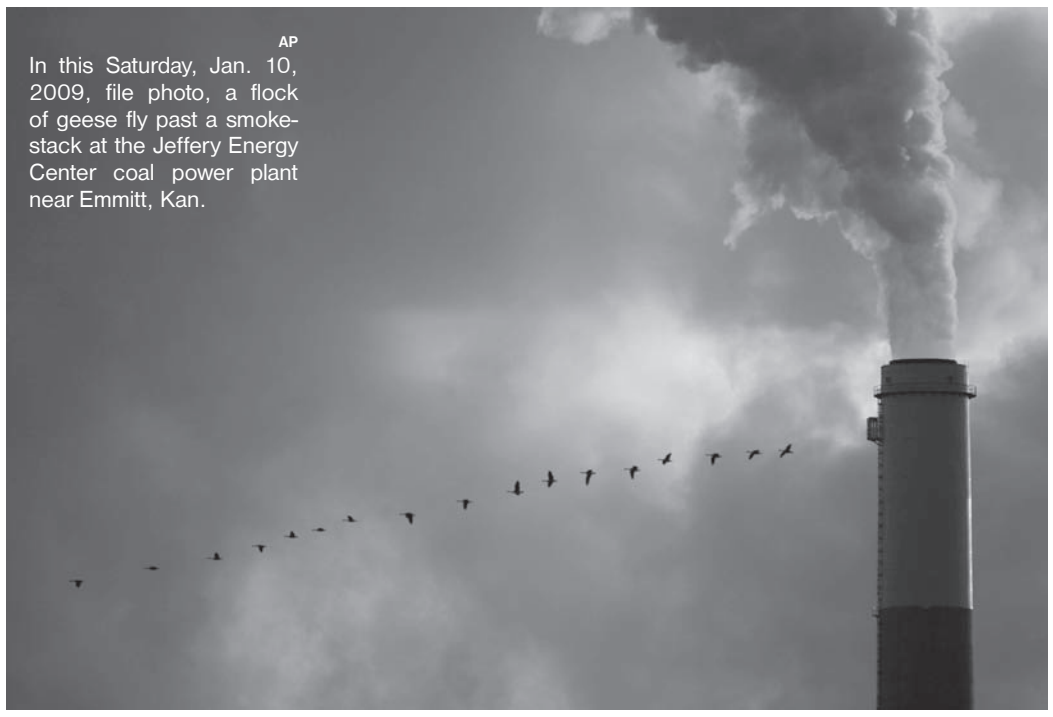
Business leaders representing trillions of dollars in revenue and retirement savings say they worry that global warming threatens the long-term value of their investments, and they want world leaders to adopt policies that would provide a financial incentive to people to clean up their act.

That could include a tax on carbon emissions, a cap or some other mechanism.

"There's a market failure that needs to be fixed," said Anne Simpson, senior portfolio manager and director of global governance at the $300 billion California Public Employees' Retirement System, the largest public pension fund in the U.S.

Despite a broad consensus that something needs to be done, it has been impossible so far for global leaders to agree on how to implement what amounts to a price on pollution, because energy is so important for economic growth.

"It may be easier to get large businesses to agree that something should be done than to get them to coalesce around specific policy measures," said Michael Levi, senior fellow for energy and the environment at the Council on Foreign Relations.



AP
In this Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, file photo, a flock of geese fly past a smokestack at the Jeffery Energy Center coal power plant near Emmitt, Kan.

At Tuesday's U.N. summit, 120 world leaders will try to summon some of the considerable political will required if a new climate treaty is to be reached at international negotiations next year in Paris. The one-day summit is part of U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's push to help world leaders to reach a goal they set in 2009: prevent Earth's temperature from rising more than 2 degrees Fahrenheit (1.1 degrees Celsius) from where it is now.

On Sunday, scientists announced that the world set another record last year for the amount of carbon pollution spewed into the atmosphere.

Ahead of the summit, business leaders such as Apple's Tim Cook renewed or expanded pledges to help the planet by running their businesses more efficiently, investing in renewable energy or pulling their investments from fossil fuel companies.

Last week, CalPERS and other big asset-holders such as the insurance and financial firms Allianz, BlackRock and AXA Group called for a "meaningful" price on carbon emissions. The World Bank said Monday that 73 countries and more than 1,000 companies have expressed their support for a price on carbon.

Also on Monday, a parade of business and political leaders tried to rally support in a series of speeches in New York.

"It doesn't cost more to deal with climate change; it costs more to ignore it," said Secretary of State John Kerry.

Cook said customers care about the planet and will "vote with their dollars" for sustainably produced products. He outlined the steps Apple is taking to reduce the carbon emissions of its products and its supply chain, and called for broader action.

## GM expert says 21 deaths eligible for compensation

**DETROIT** (AP)—The death toll from crashes involving General Motors small cars with faulty ignition switches is at least 21.

Attorney Kenneth Feinberg, who was hired by the company to compensate victims, said Monday in an Internet posting that he received 143 death claims as of Friday, and 21 of those have been deemed eligible for payments.

A spokeswoman said the rest of the claims are under review and not all will be eligible. The death toll rose from a week ago, when Feinberg had determined 19 claims would get payments.

The website also said that Feinberg received 532 injury claims as of Friday. Of those, 16 are eligible for compensation thus far. The others are still being reviewed.

The defective switches can unexpectedly move to the "accessory" or "off" positions, shutting down the engine and knocking out power steering and brakes. With engines shut off, people can lose control of their cars and crash. If that happens, the air bags won't inflate.

GM has admitted knowing about the problem for more than a decade in small cars such as the Chevrolet Cobalt. Yet it didn't begin recalling the 2.6 million small cars until February.

For months, the company said at least 13 people died in crashes linked to the faulty switches, but GM acknowledged that the death toll would go higher. Some lawmakers have estimated that it's close to 100.

Feinberg has said GM has not limited the total amount he can pay in compensation. GM has estimated the cost of compensating victims at $400 million, but says it could rise to $600 million.

A Feinberg spokeswoman said Monday that his office is in the process of sending out letters telling people how much money he is offering. Those filing claims can reject Feinberg's offer and seek compensation through lawsuits.

Feinberg won't identify those getting payments, citing confidentiality agreements. GM has not identified the 13 victims. The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says it has not tallied the total number of deaths.

## US cracks down on companies moving overseas

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The Obama administration cracked down Monday on certain overseas corporate mergers and acquisitions, aiming to curb American companies from shifting their ownership abroad to shirk paying U.S. taxes.

New regulations from the Treasury Department will make these co-called corporate inversions less lucrative by barring creative techniques that companies use to lower their tax bill. Additionally, the U.S. will make it harder for companies to move overseas in the first place by tightening the ownership requirements they must meet.

"This action will significantly diminish the ability of inverted companies to escape U.S. taxation," Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said. He added that for some companies considering inversions, the new measures would mean inverting would "no longer make economic sense."

Administration officials who briefed reporters could not say how many pending inversions might be stopped by the new rules and specifically would not address whether the rules would block one of the most high-profile moves, an effort that Burger King announced in August to acquire Tim Hortons, a Canadian coffee and doughnut chain.

In such transactions, a U.S. business merges with or is acquired by a foreign company in a country with a lower tax rate.

President Barack Obama has denounced inversions as unpatriotic and has urged Congress to stop them.

Obama applauded the Treasury for taking steps to reverse the trend of companies seeking to "exploit this loophole" to avoid paying their fair share in taxes. Yet he said he was still calling on Congress to pursue broader tax reform that would reduce the corporate tax rate, close loopholes and make the tax code simpler.

"While there's no substitute for congressional action, my administration will act wherever we can to protect the progress the American people have worked so hard to bring about," Obama said in a statement.

Coming just six weeks ahead of Election Day, the timing of Monday's announcement highlighted the appeal Democrats believe the issue has with voters. By having Treasury announce new steps now, the White House was practically daring Republicans to voice their opposition.

The announcement puts companies on notice that Treasury will be drafting regulations to clamp down, but the new measures will take effect immediately even while those regulations are pending. That means any transactions from Tuesday onward will be subject to the tougher restrictions.

Three new measures will seek to stop companies from finding ways to access earnings from a foreign subsidiary without paying U.S. taxes, including "hopscotch" loans, in which companies shift earnings by lending money to the new foreign parent company while skipping over the U.S.-based company.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Apple: 10 million iPhone 6 and 6 Plus sold

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Apple says it sold more than 10 million iPhone 6 and 6 Plus models, a record for a new model, in the three days after the phones went on sale. A year ago, Apple Inc. said it had sold 9 million of the then-new iPhone 5C and 5S models. The iPhone is available in the U.S., Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Puerto Rico, Singapore and the U.K. It will go on sale in 20 more countries on Sept. 26 and others by the end of the year. CEO Tim Cook said Monday that demand for the phones has exceeded the company's expectations. Besides larger screens, the new phones offer faster performance and a wireless chip for making credit card payments. The phones start at $199 with a two-year service contact.

### Investors fret Yahoo's future, stock dips

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—Yahoo may be losing some appeal on Wall Street now that U.S. investors can buy directly into Alibaba. Yahoo's stock fell Monday as investors grappled with uncertainty about CEO Marissa Mayer's efforts to turn around the struggling Silicon Valley company. The sell-off came even though Yahoo reaped more than $9 billion last week from selling some of its stake in Alibaba, as the Chinese e-commerce company held a record-setting initial public offering of stock. Yahoo has promised to return at least half of the after-tax proceeds to shareholders—likely through stock buybacks.

## STOCK PORTFOLIO

### LEADING INDICATORS

| DOW | S&P | NASDAQ |
|---|---|---|
| 17,172.68 | 1,994.29 | 4,527.69 |
| -107.06 | -16.11 | -52.10 |
| -0.62% | -0.80% | -1.14% |

### EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Australian Dollar | 1.1222 | Hong Kong Dollar | 7.7515 | Philippine Peso | 44.57 |
| British Pound | 0.6108 | Indian Rupee | 60.895 | Singapore Dollar | 1.2677 |
| Canadian Dollar | 1.1024 | Indonesian Rupiah | 11978 | South Korean Won | 1041.54 |
| Chinese Yuan | 6.1389 | Japanese Yen | 108.705 | Swiss Franc | 0.9398 |
| Euro | 0.7785 | Malaysian Ringgit | 3.2491 | Taiwan Dollar | 30.237 |
| | | New Zealand Dollar | 1.2309 | Thailand Baht | 32.23 |

# Nation

# Prosecutor: 800 rounds found in intruder case

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Investigators found more than 800 rounds of ammunition, a machete and two hatchets in the car of the former soldier accused of scaling the White House fence and sprinting inside while carrying a knife, a federal prosecutor said Monday. President Barack Obama was "obviously concerned" about the weekend incident, a spokesman said.

The Secret Service increased security around the famous grounds on Pennsylvania Avenue in the nation's capital, some guards openly holding weapons, others escorting dogs. There was talk of expanding the security zone beyond the current area as a major investigation began into the question of how the man managed to get to the building without being stopped.

Forty-two-year-old Omar J. Gonzalez of Copperas Cove, Texas, faces charges of entering a restricted building or grounds while carrying a deadly or dangerous weapon. He had been arrested earlier in the summer in Virginia with a carful of weapons, authorities said, and a federal prosecutor said Monday in court that Gonzalez had had a map then with the White House circled.

Authorities ran into Gonzalez again, less than a month ago on Aug. 25, when he was stopped while walking along the south fence of the White House, his car parked nearby. He had a hatchet in a rear waistband but no firearms, a federal prosecutor said at Monday's hearing. Gonzalez gave permission to search his car and was not arrested.

Friday evening, Obama and his family had left the White House for Camp David when the incident occurred. Gonzalez was seized just inside the building's front door. No guns were found in his car.

In court, Gonzalez, with a gray beard, a shaved head and dressed in a standard prison orange jumpsuit, listened impassively as the prosecutor spoke. He could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted of illegally entering a restricted area with a dangerous weapon.

The Army said he served from 1997 until his discharge in 2003, and again from 2005 to December 2012, when he retired due to disability.

Obama, asked about the incident at the White House, said, "The Secret Service does a great job, and I'm grateful for the sacrifices that they make on my behalf -- and my family's behalf."

But spokesman Josh Earnest said the president was "obviously concerned" about what had happened.

At the federal court hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney David Mudd said Gonzalez already was under indictment in southwestern Virginia, accused of having a sawed-off shotgun and trying to elude police this summer.

In that case, state troopers and agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives found a cache of weapons that included two semi-automatic military style rifles, including one with a bipod and flashlight and one with a bipod and scope, three .45-caliber handguns and several loaded ammunition magazines, Wythe County Deputy Commonwealth Attorney David Saliba said in a telephone interview. Saliba said he also had a hatchet and camping equipment.

AP

In this undated photo provided by Nancy Hoover, Omar Gonzalez, left, poses for a photo in his Army uniform with then-sister-in-law Nancy Hoover and her husband. A federal prosecutor said Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, that investigators found more than 800 rounds of ammunition, a machete and two hatchets in Gonzalez's car.

## California wildfire crews brace for weather shift

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—Crews scrambled Monday to extend control lines around a massive Northern California wildfire threatening thousands of homes as they braced for strong, erratic winds similar to when the blaze doubled in size a week ago.

The King Fire east of Sacramento had burned through 137 square miles, an increase of about 9 square miles overnight despite crews making some progress in cooler and slightly wet conditions.

But expected warmer temperatures, low humidity and winds of up to 30 mph could increase fire activity, state fire spokesman Capt. Tom Piranio said.

"This could set up some potential fire growth similar to what we experienced when it grew exponentially last week," Piranio said. "We are working very aggressively to maintain the contingency lines."

Last week, the blaze grew to 111 square miles overnight when winds surged to more than 25 mph, the state forestry and fire protection department reported. More than 5,000 firefighters—from as far as Florida and Alaska—have worked around the clock to increase the fire containment from 10 to 18 percent by Monday.

However, a red flag warning has been issued for Tuesday as gusty winds could reach up to 35 mph by Wednesday, said Holly Osbourne, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Sacramento.

"It's definitely going to pose a challenge to the control lines the firefighters have created," said Osbourne, adding that there's also a slight chance for rain Thursday.

The wildfire which started on Sept. 13 continues to threaten about 21,000 structures, more than half of them homes. It has destroyed 10 homes and 22 outbuildings in the White Meadows area of Pollock Pines, according to preliminary figures released Sunday.

About 100 evacuees were allowed to return home, but some 2,700 remain under evacuation orders, state fire spokesman Daniel Berlant said. The fire also continued to threaten a key University of California, Berkeley research station that is home to scores of experiments on trees, plants and other wildlife.

## Alaska TV reporter quits on air to promote pot

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska** (AP)—A television reporter quit her job on live TV with a big four-letter flourish after revealing she owns a medical marijuana business and intends to press for legalization of recreational pot in Alaska.

After reporting on the Alaska Cannabis Club on Sunday night's broadcast, KTVA's Charlo Greene identified herself as the business's owner.

"Everything you've heard is why I, the actual owner of the Alaska Cannabis Club, will be dedicating all my energy toward fighting for freedom and for fairness, which begins with legalizing marijuana here in Alaska," she said during the late Sunday evening newscast. "And as for this job, well not that I have a choice, but f--- it, I quit."

She then walked off camera.

KTVA News Director Bert Rudman apologized for Greene's "inappropriate language" and said she was terminated in statements Sunday. He apologized again Monday, this time for Greene's ethical lapses.

"She had a personal and business stake in the issue she was reporting, but did not disclose that interest to us," Rudman said in a statement.

"At KTVA we strive to live up to the highest journalistic standards of fairness and transparency. Sunday's breach of those standards is unacceptable and cannot be tolerated," he said.

Greene is the professional name used by Charlene Egbe. She told The Associated Press on Monday that she knew about a month ago that she would be leaving the way she did. No one else at the station knew anything about it, she said.

Alaska voters will decide in the November election whether to join Washington and Colorado in decriminalizing pot.

Greene doesn't believe the manner of her departure is harming her cause.

"Are we talking about it, or not, because of what I did. Period," she said. "It always goes back to the issue."

Greene, 26, said she always fact checked and was unbiased about the issue as a reporter.

"I'm passionate about doing my job, and at the time my job was being a journalist," Greene said.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Jury: Arab Bank liable in terror attacks

**NEW YORK** (AP)—A U.S. jury found on Monday that a large Jordan-based bank should be held responsible for a wave of Hamas-sanctioned suicide bombings in the early 2000s that left several Americans dead or wounded. Jurors reached the unanimous verdict in a terrorism financing lawsuit against Arab Bank after deliberating two days in at a civil trial in federal court in Brooklyn. Plaintiff's lawyer Gary Osen said it's the first time a bank has been found liable for knowingly supporting a terrorist group. "The question now is how the rest of the financial world, regulators and governments deal with Arab Bank," Osen said. An attorney for the bank, Shand Stephens, predicts the verdict will be overturned on appeal based on "errors in admission of evidence, errors in jury instructions and errors in imposing sanctions."

### 100 arrested at Wall Street climate crisis sit-in

**NEW YORK** (AP)—A day after over 100,000 people marched to warn that climate change is destroying the Earth, more than 1,000 activists blocked parts of Broadway in Manhattan's financial district in a sit-in to protest what they see as corporate and economic institutions' role in the climate crisis. Monday's demonstration was planned as a more confrontational sequel to Sunday's march, with many participants Monday deliberately risking arrest by obstructing traffic in the heart of the nation's financial capital. Over 100 people, including a person wearing a white polar bear suit, were arrested Monday night after they refused to leave Broadway near Wall Street, police said. Most of the arrests were for disorderly conduct. Earlier, the protest took a tense turn as the demonstrators tried to push past police barricades at Wall Street, sparking a brief clash with officers.

### Bear suspected to have killed New Jersey hiker

**WEST MILFORD, N.J.** (AP)—A black bear believed to have attacked and killed a hiker over the weekend likely was looking for food and was circling the victim's body when sheriff's officers and wildlife officials killed it, officials said Monday. The approximately 300-pound male bear was killed with two rifle blasts and is being examined at a state lab for more clues as to why it may have pursued the group of five hikers, a spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Protection said at a news conference. Killed was Darsh Patel, 22, of Edison, who had come to the Apshawa Preserve, about 45 miles northwest of New York City, on Sunday with four friends. State and local officials stressed that bear attacks are rare even in a region of the state that may have as many as 2,400 bruins in its dense forests. DEP spokesman Larry Ragonese said the attack was the first fatal bear-human encounter on record in New Jersey.

# Asia

# Amnesty blasts China's torture tool industry

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**BEIJING** (AP)—Chinese production and export of police equipment primarily used for torture, such as electric shock wands and neck-and-wrist cuffs connected by a chain, has grown dramatically, enabling human rights violations at home and abroad, Amnesty International said in a report Tuesday.

More than 130 Chinese companies, up from 28 about a decade ago, are now engaged in the development, production and export of law enforcement tools, most of which are legitimate, but many of which are inherently cruel and inhumane, the London-based human rights group said.

The 38-page report also cited as examples spiked batons and restraint chairs with a desk-like surface in front where arms can be shackled, often with ankle cuffs beneath that force detainees into painful contortions.

"There is no excuse whatsoever for allowing the manufacturing and trade in equipment for which the primary purpose is to torture or inflict cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment on people," Patrick Wilcken, security trade and human rights researcher at Amnesty International, said in a statement.

China explicitly bans torture and mistreatment of inmates, and it strongly denies widespread allegations that torture is often used by Chinese police and Communist Party investigators. Earlier this year, Zhao Chunguang, a national official overseeing police detention facilities, said there had not been a single case of torture used to coerce a confession at any detention center throughout China for the past five years.

Amnesty says it has documented a wide range of physical torture in China, including the use of electric shock batons.

And on Monday, the Xinhua News agency reported that a court in northeastern China had convicted three police officers and four other non-police officers of torturing suspects and killing one person. One victim said he was restrained to an iron chair while being prodded with an electric shock baton, Xinhua said.

Amnesty urged China in the report to ban the production and export of several of the kinds of equipment it says are torture tools or inherently cruel, especially to countries with poor human rights records. It said the tools are being shipped to Cambodia, Nepal, Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Madagascar, Senegal and Uganda.

Faced with rising social tensions, China has been pumping more money to maintain social order. Its annual budget for domestic security skyrocketed over the past decade to 760 billion yuan ($125 billion), higher than its defense budget last year.

The Public Security Ministry did not respond to requests for comment.

The report, jointly compiled with U.K.-based Omega Research Foundation, which specializes in research on military, security and police equipment, said that Chinese-made rigid restraint chairs "have no legitimate law enforcement use" and that the U.N. Committee against Torture has recommended they be abolished.

Calls to one of the companies that makes electric-shock wands, Anhua Police Equipment Manufacturing Co., in eastern Jiangsu province, were referred to a senior manager who identified himself only by his surname Ma.

"We are at the service of the Chinese government, so I cannot answer you," Ma said. "I think China has pretty good human rights records, and I suggest those countries finding issues with China's human rights records look at themselves first."

A woman who answered the phone at Yuanda Industrial and Trade Co., which makes restraint chairs and neck-and-wrist cuffs, said the company was producing only what the government has approved and is not responsible for any wrongdoing.

AP

In this undated photo supplied by Amnesty International, side handled and telescopic batons and spike batons are displayed at a police equipment exhibition, at an undisclosed location.

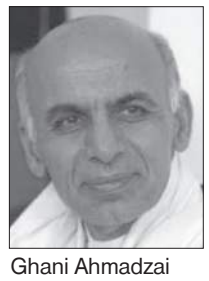
# New Afghan leader promises equal rights for women

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—Afghanistan's new president-elect pledged in his victory speech on Monday to give women prominent roles in his government and told his nation that women are important to the country's future.

The remarks by President-elect Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai came a day after the landmark power-sharing deal signed by Afghanistan's two presidential candidates. The agreement resolved a drawn-out dispute that threatened to plunge Afghanistan into political turmoil while complicating the withdrawal of U.S. and foreign troops.

Ghani Ahmadzai also said his former opponent—Abdullah Abdullah, who will fill the newly created role of government chief executive—has turned from competitor to colleague and that the two are committed to improving Afghanistan.

The country's election commission on Sunday announced Ghani Ahmadzai as the winner of a two-man runoff, ending an election process that began with a first round of voting in April. The announcement came only hours after Ghani Ahmadzai and Abdullah signed a political deal to form a national unity government.



Ghani Ahmadzai

The deal allowed the international community—including the U.S. and NATO—to breathe a sigh of relief, as the settlement greatly decreases the chances of ethnic vote violence. Ghani Ahmadzai has also pledged to sign a security agreement that would allow about 10,000 U.S. military trainers and advisers to remain in the country next year after all U.S. and NATO combat troops withdraw.

The speech Monday took on the air of a campaign celebration, with a large crowd of supporters in attendance. Ghani Ahmadzai clasped the hands of female supporters and he and others raised their hands over their heads, a notable moment in a country where women are often socially segregated.

The 65-year-old Ghani Ahmadzai said he wants Afghan women represented at the highest levels of government, including on the Supreme Court, where no female justices have ever served. He continued the theme during the nationally televised speech.

"In the face of these girls I can see future Afghan leaders," he said as he told his "sisters" in attendance that they have equal rights in society and government.

Mary Akrami, the head of the Afghan Women's Skills Development Centre, said she welcomed such sentiments but hoped they would be followed by action. She noted that Afghan women suffer heavily from family violence.

The incoming president is viewed as worldly and well-educated. A former finance minister, he has worked at the World Bank and earned a PhD from New York's Colombia University.

Perhaps to increase his religious bona fides in a devoutly Muslim country, Ghani Ahmadzai peppered his speech with references to Islam and said God is first and Afghanistan second.

In a message that appeared to be aimed at power brokers outside of Kabul, Ghani Ahmadzai said the national unity government's aim is to "end all parallel structures." He also promised a public report card every six months on the implementation of the constitution.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### Explosion at Chinese fireworks factory kills 12

**BEIJING** (AP)—An explosion at a fireworks factory in southern China killed 12 people and injured 33 others, the local government said Tuesday. Two people were also missing following Monday's blast, which shook Nanyang Export Fireworks Factory, the city of Liling in Hunan province said. It revised the injured toll down from 38 because it said five people who had been transferred between hospitals were counted twice. It did not say what caused the explosion but said it was a work safety incident. The factory is properly licensed, it said. Workplace accidents are common in China because of lax enforcement of safety regulations, although safety standards are improving.

### Heavy rains trigger landslides in northeast India

**GAUHATI, India** (AP)—Heavy rains in parts of northeastern India triggered landslides and flash floods, killing at least seven people, officials said Monday. A senior police official in Meghalaya state said the deaths occurred in the northern part of the state. The rains also caused heavy damage in neighboring Assam state, where floods washed away several bridges and submerged homes in Goalpara district, local official Pritam Saikia said. Authorities asked residents to move to higher ground, and army troops and federal personnel rescued scores of people trapped by the floodwaters, he said. Two days of rain also caused heavy flooding in Assam's capital, Gauhati. Many neighborhoods in the city of 2 million were submerged in waist-deep water. The Bharalu River, which runs through the city, was threatening to breach its banks, police officials said.

# Lawyer: Uighur scholar in China gets life sentence

**BEIJING** (AP)—An outspoken scholar who championed China's Uighur minority was convicted of separatism Tuesday by a Chinese court and sentenced to life in prison, the scholar's lawyer said.

The Urumqi People's Intermediate Court convicted Ilham Tohti after a heavily guarded two-day trial that ended last week, said lawyer Liu Xiaoyuan, who heard the news from the scholar's family. The court didn't answer several telephone calls Tuesday seeking information about the trial.

Liu said the court also ordered the confiscation of all of Ilham Tohti's possessions. In a message posted on Twitter, the lawyer said Ilham Tohti told the court he did not agree with the verdict.

Ilham Tohti was known as a moderate voice with ties to both the country's Han Chinese establishment and the Muslim Uighur ethnic group that has long complained about treatment under the government. A Communist Party member and professor at Beijing's Minzu University, Ilham Tohti ran a website, Uighur Online, that highlighted issues affecting the ethnic group.

Chinese authorities detained him in January along with seven of his students.

Tensions have run high and flared into violence in the Xinjiang region where many of China's Uighurs live. Authorities said several explosions killed two people Sunday in central Xinjiang but did not say who carried out the attack.

In May, police said, 43 people died when Uighur militants plowed two vehicles through a market street in the regional capital of Urumqi and hurled explosives.

William Nee, a Hong Kong-based researcher with the human rights group Amnesty International, said Tuesday's conviction shows the Chinese government is cracking down on any criticism of its Uighur policies in Xinjiang. After the recent violence, authorities have prohibited people in the region from having beards or wearing veils, and locals say many have been detained for speaking out about the situation there.

"It'll send a strong signal to (Uighur scholars) there's not much to be gained to take some risks and personal initiative to bridge the gap between what obviously people on the ground are feeling, severe discontent with the way things are going, and explaining them to Han policymakers," Nee said.

# World

# Sierra Leone, Liberia brace for new Ebola cases

**FREETOWN, Sierra Leone** (AP)—Two of the West African nations hardest hit by Ebola were bracing for new caseloads on Monday after trying to outflank the outbreak with a nationwide checkup and a large new clinic.

Sierra Leone was expected to announce a sharp increase in Ebola patients Tuesday following a nationwide effort to identify new cases, while Liberia opened its largest treatment center yet.

Both countries have poor health systems, weakened by the loss to Ebola of many of doctors and nurses. The World Health Organization estimated last week that they have only about 20 percent of the beds they need to treat Ebola patients.

Still, identifying the sick is fundamental to containing the disease, and Sierra Leone went to an extreme unseen since the plague ravaged Europe during the Middle Ages, ordering an entire nation's people to remain at home while teams went door to door handing out soap and information.

More than 1 million households were checked for Ebola and told how to prevent its spread, authorities said.

Officials had previously predicted that they would find hundreds of new cases during the three-day shutdown, and government spokesman Abdulai Bayraytay said Sierra Leone was preparing tents for use as temporary treatment centers before announcing their findings on Tuesday.

In Liberia, meanwhile, ambulances rushed to fill the nation's largest new treatment center, a 150-bed hospital on the outskirts of Monrovia that opened on Sunday, run by the Health Ministry, WHO and a team of Ugandan doctors.

By Monday, the new clinic had admitted 112 people, though only 46 of those have tested positive for Ebola, said Assistant Health Minister Tolbert Nyenswah. The rest were being held for observation and treated for other diseases, like malaria.

Ebola, transmitted through bodily fluids, is now blamed for the deaths of more than 2,800 people in West Africa, according to new figures released Monday by the WHO. More than 5,800 are believed to have been sickened. Most of the infections have been in Liberia, but the disease, which was first identified in Guinea, has also spread to Nigeria and Senegal.

At least 77 bodies were buried during Sierra Leone's shutdown and half tested positive for Ebola, Bayraytay said. Officials were waiting on laboratory tests for the other half. The disease is thought to have killed more than 600 people in the nation of 6 million.

Lockdowns are hard to enforce, and being stuck at home for three days caused much frustration and some food shortages. By themselves, they aren't likely to contain an outbreak. But they can certainly help send a public health message, said Joe Amon, director of health and human rights for Human Rights Watch.

## Ebola epidemic

**NUMBER OF EBOLA CASES AND DEATHS** as of Sep. 15

| | Country | | Probable/ suspected | Confirmed | Total of confirmed and probable/suspected |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | Guinea | Cases | 192 | 750 | 601 deaths |
| | | Deaths | 166 | 435 | 942 cases |
| B | Liberia | Cases | 1,908 | 812 | 1,459 deaths |
| | | Deaths | 828 | 631 | 2,710 cases |
| C | Sierra Leone | Cases | 160 | 1,513 | 562 deaths |
| | | Deaths | 45 | 517 | 1,673 cases |
| D | Nigeria | Cases | 2 | 19 | 8 deaths |
| | | Deaths | 1 | 7 | 21 cases |
| E | Congo* | Cases | 18 | 53 | 40 deaths |
| | | Deaths | N/A | 40 | 71 cases |
| F | Senegal | Cases | 0 | 1 | 1 case |
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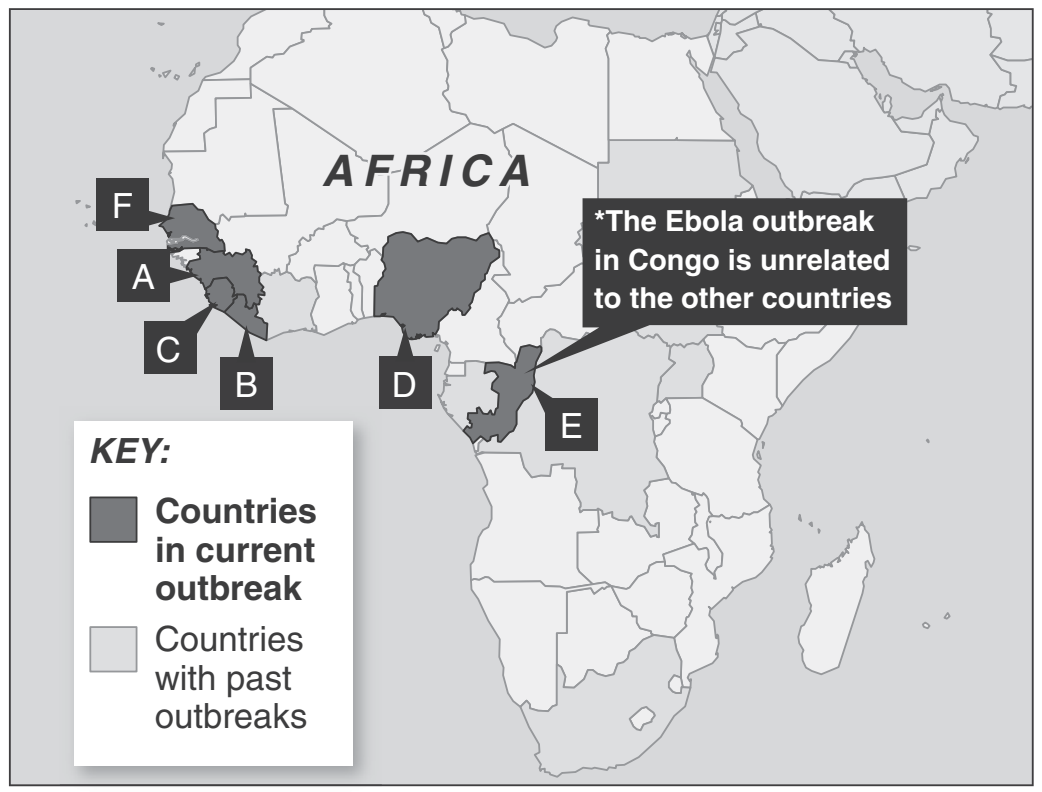


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Source: World Health Organization

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## Yemeni Shiite rebel sweep into capital kills 340

**SANAA, Yemen** (AP)—In a stunning sweep of the Yemeni capital, the country's Shiite rebels seized homes, offices and military bases of their Sunni foes on Monday, forcing many into hiding and triggering an exodus of civilians from the city after a week of fighting that left 340 people dead.

It was the latest development in the Hawthi blitz, which has plunged volatile Yemen into more turmoil, pitting the Shiite rebels against the Sunni-dominated military and their Islamist tribal allies.

The heavily armed Hawthi fighters on Monday seized tanks and armored vehicles from military headquarters they had overrun, and raided the home of long-time archenemy Maj. Gen. Ali Mohsen al-Ahmar, the commander of the army's elite 1st Armored Division and a veteran of a series of wars against the Shiite rebels, as well as residences of top Sunni Islamist militiamen or the fundamentalist Islah party.

Al-Ahmar himself fled and was forced into hiding, along with his followers, as the U.N. envoy to Yemen, Jamal Benomar, succeeded in mediating a deal on Sunday between the Shiite Hawthis and their rivals and the fighting died down. But the Hawthis made no concessions.

After flooding into Sanaa, the Hawthis also took strategic installations and key state buildings, though they claimed later to have handed them back to the army's military police.

Thousands of Hawthi fighters—including many youths—were the only visible force Monday on the streets of the capital. They drove army tanks and armored vehicles they looted from al-Ahmar's forces out of the city, heading north, likely to the Hawthis' heartland in the city of Saada.

The group's spokesman Mohammed Abdul-Salam said the rebels will hunt down those who committed violence against them, indicating the possibility of wider revenge attacks against opponents.

## Syria says Washington informed it before strikes

**DAMASCUS, Syria** (AP)—The Syrian foreign ministry said on Tuesday that the United States informed Damascus' envoy to the United Nations before launching airstrikes against the Islamic State group in Syria.

The ministry issued a brief statement, carried by Syrian state media, saying that "the American side informed Syria's permanent envoy to the U.N. that strikes will be launched against the Daesh terrorist organization in Raqqa."

The statement used an Arabic name referring to the Islamic State group, which seized large chunks of Syrian and Iraqi territory in a blitz this summer.

The airstrikes hit targets in and around the Syrian city of Raqqa and the province with the same name, activists said, adding that there were casualties among Islamic State militants on the ground. The city of Raqqa is the militant group's self-declared capital in Syria.

The ministry statement was Damascus' first official reaction after the U.S. and five Arab countries launched airstrikes on Islamic State group's targets in Syria late on Monday, expanding a military campaign into a country whose three-year civil war has given the brutal militant group a safe haven.

U.S. officials said the airstrikes began around 8:30 p.m. EDT (0030 GMT), and were conducted by the U.S., Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

In the past, Syrian officials have insisted that any strikes against the Islamic State group in the country should come only after coordination with Damascus. Without their consent, Syrian officials have said such airstrikes would be an act of aggression against Syria and a breach of the country's sovereignty.

However, U.S. officials have ruled out direct coordination with Syrian President Bashar Assad's government.

Rami Abdurrahman, who heads the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an activist group, said the airstrikes targeted the northern province of Raqqa, as well as its provincial capital.

## Islamic State militants kill 40 Iraqi troops

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—Islamic State militants disguised in Iraqi army uniforms and driving stolen Humvees killed at least 40 Iraqi soldiers and captured 68 others in western Anbar province, breaking through a deteriorating Iraqi military offensive in an area where the United States recently broadened its airstrike campaign.

The wave of suicide bombings dealt a heavy blow to government efforts to rein in the militants, whose rampage has seized much of the country's north and west—even as the U.S. and its allies began training Iraq's Kurdish peshmerga fighters to bolster their ability to battle the Sunni extremists.

The attacks Sunday targeted troops stationed at Camp Saqlawiyah near the town of Sijir, 45 miles (70 kilometers) west of Baghdad. There has been no contact with the 68 captured Iraqi soldiers, who were believed to have been taken to the nearby city of Fallujah, an Islamic State stronghold, said Gen. Rasheed Fleih.

After the attacks, the Iraqi military withdrew 700 more troops stationed in the area, he said.

Following battlefield successes in both Iraq and neighboring Syria, Islamic State fighters, among them many Iraqi nationals, have re-entered Iraq through Anbar province, engaging in fierce battles with the Iraqi military. In this Sunni-majority territory, the group has quickly capitalized on longstanding grievances against the Shiite-led government in Baghdad, earning support from local populations.

Iraq's new Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said in a statement Monday that his government is committed to reinforcing military and police forces in Anbar and will increase airstrikes to target the pockets of militant fighters across the province. Last week, he declared an end to the shelling of towns where militants are suspected of hiding, so as not to rile the local populations.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military said Monday that airstrikes on Islamic State targets southwest of the oil-rich northern city of Kirkuk destroyed two military vehicles and a tank and damaged a Humvee, bringing the total U.S. strikes on the militants to 190 since the aerial campaign began on Aug. 8.

# Focus

# Affluence eludes poor crowding into Asian cities

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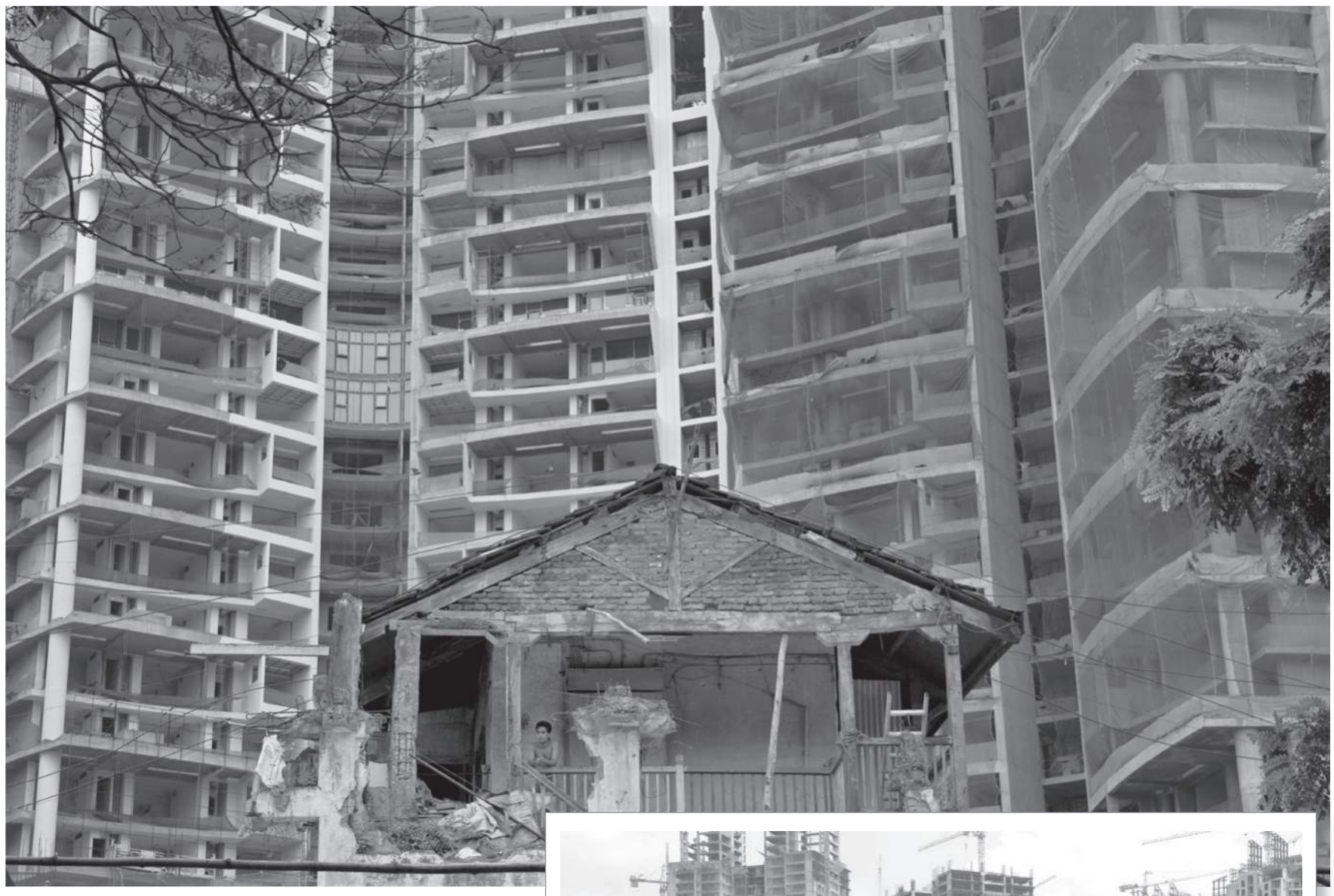

AP

In this Sept. 8, 2014 photo, an Indian man watches from the balcony of a broken house as new high-rise apartments are seen in the background, in Mumbai, India. About 80 percent of the 3.6 billion people in developing Asian countries still live on less than $5 a day, many relying on day labor, rag picking or other meager livelihoods. Even migrants who arrived in cities years ago feel trapped in a seemingly permanent underclass.

AP

In this Aug. 14, 2014 photo, a woman walks along a city canal as office and apartment construction site is seen in the background at a slum in Jakarta, Indonesia.

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** (AP)— Down a concrete path, between rail tracks that buzz with each approaching train and a river choked by plastic and raw sewage, Asih Binti Arif cradles her baby and reflects on dreams gone dark.

Five years ago, Arif and her husband left impoverished Madura Island, joining the stream of migrants from across the vast Indonesian archipelago seeking a better life in its capital.

Across the developing world, migration from country to city has long been a potential path out of poverty. Less and less is that true for Arif and millions of others in Asia, where the wealth gap is growing in many of the most densely populated cities in human history.

Experts say the trend could worsen as a widening gulf between the richest and everyone else undercuts efforts to reduce poverty, bringing a litany of problems: poorer health, less education, more family breakups, crime and unstable societies.

"With inequality, the impact of growth on poverty eradication is muted," said Indu Bhushan, an Asian Development Bank official.

Against the backdrop of gleaming office towers and luxury hotels, Arif's family lives in the sprawling Tanah Abang slum. They scavenge the garbage of those who can afford to discard plastic bottles, cardboard boxes and frayed clothes.

"I can't even dream of that life," Arif said. "The gap is so big. They are in the sky and we are on the earth."

Asia's ultra-rich, with their private jets, yachts and platoons of servants, are matching if not outdoing their counterparts elsewhere in the world, inviting famous pop stars to perform at their birthday bashes, building their own museums and collecting mansions.

Rising industries such as online commerce have made some business mavericks enormously wealthy. Most of Asia's richest, however, are second- and third-generation beneficiaries of family fortunes.

In past decades, the power of industrialization allowed hundreds of million to emerge from extreme poverty.

In 1981, nearly 1.7 billion Asians were living on less than $1.25 a day. Today, the figure is about 700 million.

But vast numbers cannot aspire to rise much further. About 80 percent of the 3.6 billion people in developing Asian countries still live on less than $5 a day, many relying on day labor, rag picking or other meager livelihoods.

Even migrants who arrived in cities years ago feel trapped in a seemingly permanent underclass.

In chaotic Mumbai, India's financial capital, Pandurang Bithobha Salvi, 52, is a veteran migrant from Naganwadi, a village 500 kilometers (300 miles) away in Maharashtra state.

Salvi and 20-odd men share the $130 a month rent on their 17-square-meter (180-square-foot) room festooned with drying shirts and pants. Sleeping arrangements are a nightly conundrum. Despite India's ascent as a center for business outsourcing, migrants like Salvi can only find low-paying work.

Across town on the tony Altamount Road, billionaire Mukesh Ambani and his family luxuriate in an expansive 400,000-square-foot (37,000-square-meter) super home.

Three years ago, Ambani moved into the purpose built 27-story tower with its three helipads, a movie theater, a two-story recreation center and a reported price tag of more than $1 billion.

It is one of the world's most expensive residences in a city where 40 percent of 20.7 million people live in slums without basic sanitation such as toilets.

"In the past, some of us have made a better life for ourselves and our families," said Salvi. "But such cases are becoming rarer now."

Using a scale of zero to 100, where zero means everyone has exactly the same wealth and 100 means a single person has all the wealth, Indonesia's inequality score rose to 41.3 in 2013 from 30.8 in 1999. Such sharp increases, which reflect wealth concentrating in fewer hands, have occurred in India, China and elsewhere, too.

The challenges are acute for countries such as Myanmar that are latecomers to industrialization.

A treasure land of gems and timber, Myanmar's economy stagnated for decades under generals who yielded power in 2011.

The economic reforms since then are transforming the skyline of its biggest city, Yangon, but not the lives of people like Thein Tun Oo and his wife Thin Thin Khaing, whose extended family of 10 ekes out a living from a one-room bamboo shack perched on the muddy banks of a creek.

Thein Tun Oo wagered everything in moving five years ago to Yangon from Bago, a region 100 kilometers (60 miles) to the north. There is little to show for the effort.

Asked what will come of Myanmar's reforms, including plans for factory parks that might provide better-paying jobs, Thin Thin Khaing and her husband burst out laughing.

"We don't know about such things," she said. "We work a day and eat a day."

In Indonesia, the increasing ostentation of the wealthy is a potential lightning rod for social strife.

Socialite Amanda Subagio, whose father founded a telecommunications and satellite empire, said the flaunting of extravagant wealth is deepening dissatisfaction among poor Indonesians.

"You should be at least aware of how other people are living in this country," she said.

The "other people" are those like Arif, the scrap collector in Jakarta's slum, and her neighbor, Samia Dewi Baturara, who share the same shack divided by a plywood wall.

Unlike Arif, Baturara still allows herself to dream.

As she peddles coffee from a stall opposite the luxury Shangri-La hotel, Baturara stares at the windows and pictures herself as part of the exclusive world inside. She would have to work 40 days, without spending a penny, to be able to afford just one night in the cheapest room.

"Almost every day, I imagine how I can sleep there."

*Kurtenbach reported from Tokyo and Yangon, Myanmar. Esther Htusan in Yangon, Niniek Karmini in Jakarta and Kay Johnson in Mumbai, India contributed.*

# Good Housekeeping

## Rid your home of welcome mats for insect invaders

By ANGIE HICKS
ANGIE'S LIST

The waning days of summer are a good time to make sure your home isn't putting out a welcome mat for insect invaders.

If you're like me, you'd rather not share your space with wasps, spiders, stink bugs and other pests that often become more visible in the fall, any more than you want to see cockroaches, termites or other bugs that cause problems year-round.

Fortunately, pest control pros say there's much you can do to make your home less inviting to creepy crawlies:

Start by inspecting your home, inside and out. Make sure your window screens are in good repair. Look for cracks and gaps in the foundation and around windows and doors. Seal any problem areas with caulk or use hardware cloth or mesh.

Check that your crawl space access door fits properly. Inspect other areas that could offer bugs shelter: soffits, pipes, dryer vents, doorjambs and utility wire holes.

Take a look at your landscaping. Trim overhanging tree limbs that might provide an insect or rodent on-ramp to your home. Cut vegetation so it's at least three feet from your home. Don't allow soil or mulch to build up around the foundation. Siding shouldn't touch soil or mulch, and firewood should be stored away from the house.

Next, consider the quality of your housekeeping. Insects and other pests will be less likely to invade if they don't find a ready supply of food and shelter. Regularly take out trash, and keep garbage can lids on tight. Wipe down tables, countertops and floors after preparing food or eating a meal. Keep clothes and other items off the floor. Regularly wipe or sweep away spider webs.

Moisture also attracts insects, particularly termites and carpenter ants, which can damage your home's structure. Find and eliminate the source of any damp areas. To prevent or reduce mosquitoes, eliminate standing water on your property.

Even if you don't have an immediate insect issue, it's a good idea to identify a reputable pest control pro so you're ready for any critter crisis. Back in the spring, I had to call our exterminator to deal with wood-eating bees that had settled on our swing set and were scaring the kids.

If you want to stop many insect problems before they get a chance to start, consider contracting for periodic preventive services. These usually come with guarantees and can cost $130 to $150 for an annual visit, $80 to $100 for quarterly, and $40 to $60 for monthly service. Be aware that some exterminators provide or focus on eco-friendly products and procedures.

Some steps to take before you hire an exterminator:

Determine if your state or locality requires licensing, including for the use of certain pesticides or chemicals, and verify that your service pro is appropriately licensed.

Confirm that liability and workers compensation insurance is in place, as well as bonding.

Check consumer reviews before hiring.

Get a detailed plan in writing.

Be sure you understand all costs and procedures.

Determine what guarantees are offered and understand the process to follow if the treatment doesn't work the first time.

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## THE KITCHEN DIVA

## It's lunch time!

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School is back in session -- and so is your daily lunch-making routine. A good lunch is a balanced one, formed around a dependable main course and punctuated with a solid supporting cast of nutrient-packed sides, a low- or no-calorie drink and even a little treat.

Don't worry if your child wants basically the same lunch every day. Just include these nutritious choices that we call the four elements to a perfectly packed lunch. Here are some tips that will keep your child's school mealtimes healthy and happy all year long!

### Food Safety Tips

■ Keep food preparation areas in the kitchen clean. Wash countertops, cutting boards, utensils and your hands in hot, soapy water. And don't let the family pet jump up on kitchen counters.

■ After preparing lunches, remember to immediately return unused portions of perishable foods -- like cheeses, deli meats and mayonnaise -- to the refrigerator. Don't let them sit out on the counter.

■ Make sure that cold foods are cold before packing them in a lunchbox. If possible, prepare the lunch the night before and store it in the refrigerator. (This also takes the edge off the mad morning rush!)

■ Insulated lunch bags or boxes are the best way to keep food at a safe temperature until noon. Sandwiches made with refrigerated items such as luncheon meats, cheese and tuna salad should be carried in an insulated lunch bag with an ice pack or frozen juice pouch inside so sandwiches will stay extra cool.

■ At school, instruct the kids to store their lunchbox out of direct sunlight and away from radiators or other heaters, if possible.

■ Keep hot foods -- like soups, stews or chilies -- hot. In the morning, bring the food to a boil and then immediately pour into a hot, sterile vacuum bottle. (Sterilize the vacuum bottle with boiling water.)

Lunch foods that can be eaten at room temperature include:

■ Peanut butter
■ Jams and jellies
■ Breads, crackers, cereals
■ Clean fruits and vegetables
■ Dried meats, such as beef jerky
■ Baked products, such as cookies and cakes
■ Canned meat or poultry products that are eaten immediately after opening

### Make Healthy Choices

In a nutshell, meats should be lean (no salami or bologna), breads should be whole-wheat and condiments should be used sparingly. Here are some ideas:

■ n A turkey or roast beef and Swiss sandwich on wheat bread with a drizzle of low-fat Italian dressing (instead of mayo) and loaded with produce, if you can get away with it! Shredded coleslaw mix (cabbage and carrots) is a great sandwich addition. It stays crisp, adds a nice crunch to a sandwich, and is high in vitamins A and K.

■ Sliced ham, cheese and Triscuits

■ PB&J (check your school's policy on nuts and nut products first) made on whole-wheat bread with a pure-fruit jelly like Smucker's Simply Fruit.

■ Thermos of hot soup

■ Grilled chicken breast

■ Hard-boiled eggs

■ Tuna or cubed chicken tossed with light mayo, mustard, celery and carrot

### Lunch Sides With Substance

Only one in four kids consumes the recommended five servings of fruits and vegetables daily, so pack a lunch without produce and you're missing a golden opportunity to slip some much-needed nutrients back into their diets. As long as you have at least one piece of fruit or a serving of vegetables, adding a second crunchy snack is fine.

■ Carrot sticks
■ Celery sticks
■ Apple slices with peanut butter
■ Fruit salad; banana, pear, peach, or any other whole fruit
■ Grapes
■ Olives
■ Almonds and raisins (mixed 50-50)
■ Triscuits
■ Small bag of pretzel sticks or Goldfish pretzels
■ Baked! Lay's

### Drinks

Considering that many kids' beverages have nearly as much sugar per ounce as soft drinks, tossing the wrong drink in the lunchbox could translate into 3-5 extra pounds by the end of the school year. Drinks should be either zero- or low-cal (water, tea, diet drinks) or high in nutrition (milk, 100 percent juice). Here are the best picks, in descending order.

■ Water
■ Lightly sweetened iced tea, like Honest Tea
■ Low-fat milk
■ 100 percent juice drinks
■ Low-calorie kids' drinks, like Minute Maid Fruit Falls and Tropicana Fruit Squeeze

Master this nutritious lunchbox mix, and your kid will be the envy of every mystery-meat-eating student in school!

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## THIS IS A HAMMER

## Protecting apartment from bad water leak

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**Q: I heard a horror story from an old college friend about her apartment's pipes springing a leak in the wintertime, and the maintenance crew not addressing it for days. I don't know what I would do in the same situation. Do you have any advice?—Taysha L., Alexandria, Va.**

**A:** You definitely can minimize damage from a broken pipe or uncontrolled water leak in your apartment, even before the maintenance person arrives. Here are steps to follow:

■ Review your apartment's lease and information packet today. These papers include instructions on contacting leasing management or maintenance in an emergency.

■ In emergencies such as water leaks, apartment communities normally specify that maintenance will be on site within 24 hours, and often much sooner. Take note of their exact time frames.

■ Familiarize yourself with the apartment's water shutoff valves. You will at least have shutoffs under the sink (for the hot and cold water) and behind/beside the toilet. There also should be a shutoff for the water heater (if it's inside your apartment).

■ If a water leak occurs, locate the source of the leak as quickly as possible. Close the nearest shutoff valve, if possible. Put a bucket underneath the leak and use towels to sop up any spilled water.

■ Contact the leasing office or the maintenance number immediately. Describe the problem, its location and the time that the leak occurred.

■ If it's after hours (and these emergencies always seem to happen after hours), the on-call maintenance person should call you back, usually within an hour, to provide further instructions.

What if there's no shutoff for the pipe that's leaking? The most important thing is to try and minimize the water damage until the water can be shut off (sometimes the shutoff is located elsewhere in the apartment building and can only be accessed by maintenance). Keep a bucket under the area and empty it before it gets too full.

What if maintenance takes days to address the leak? Keep a record of dates and times of the calls you made, and when the repair was made. Meantime, if maintenance can't get to the building for some reason—such as a snowstorm—ask the on-call person if the shutoff is accessible so that you can stop the water from flowing in.

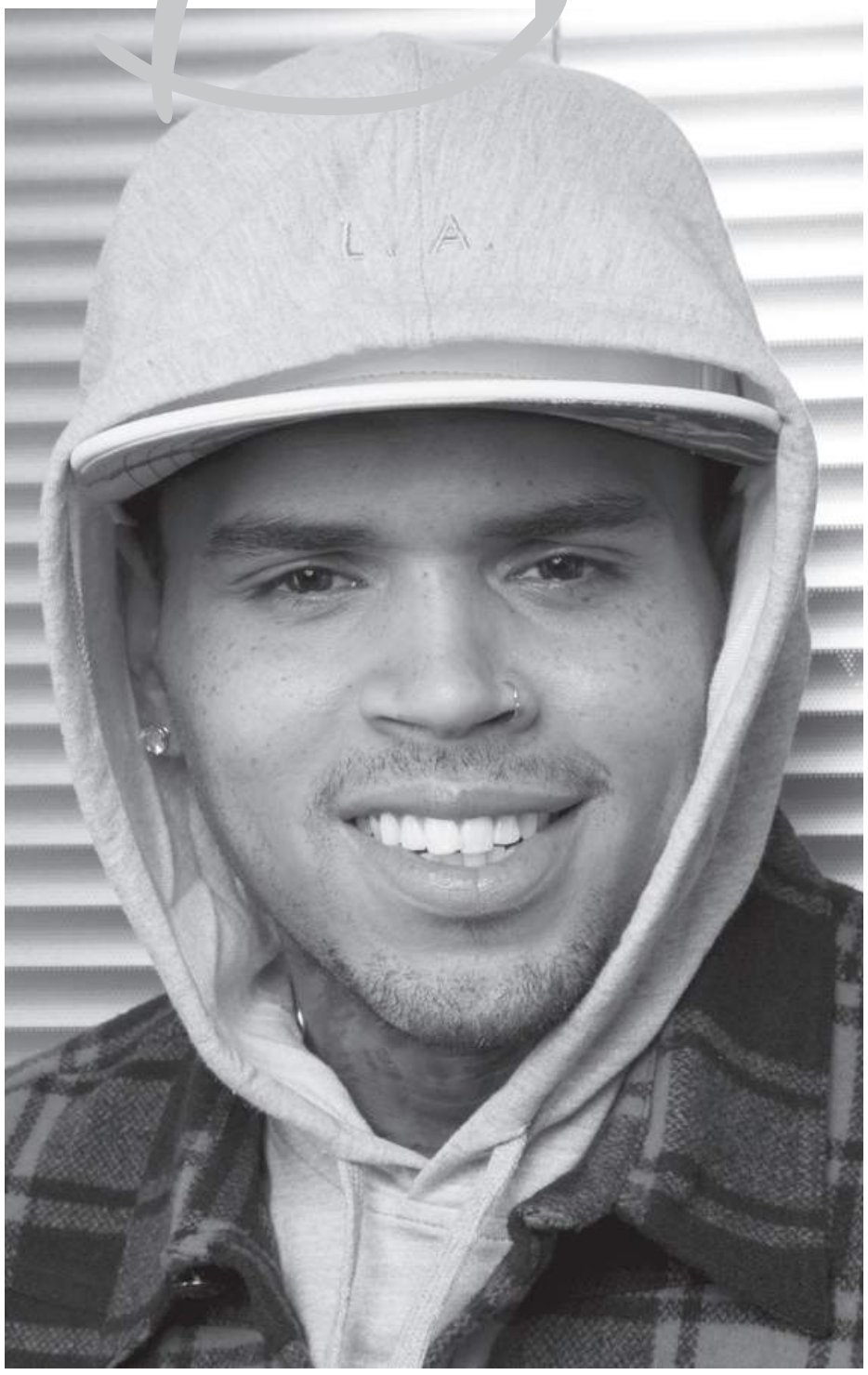
**HOME TIP**: Apartment residents need to be just as familiar as homeowners with the locations of water shutoff valves and electrical panel shutoffs, so they can react quickly in a maintenance emergency.

*Send your questions or home tips to ask@thisisahammer.com.*

# Life & Style

# Chris Brown ready to stop getting in his own way

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP)—Chris Brown celebrated his 25th birthday in jail last May by making his own "spread cake": chocolate, peanut butter, bread and milk.



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In this Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014 photo, Chris Brown poses for a portrait while promoting his sixth album, "X," in Los Angeles.

"Mix it up in a little cereal bowl and let it sit for a little while. It comes out and you've got a nice little cake," Brown said, laughing. "A couple of the homies taught me how to do it."

Accustomed to the high life since he became an R&B star at 16, Brown was brought low by his three months in lockup. He emerged last June determined not to slide back into his old ways. Jail had changed things.

"I've always reneged on a lot of my situations. But I think that's a part of growing up and learning. For me, now I have a better sense of what's important—being that I was incarcerated, being that I've had the bad stuff happen to me," he said in an interview. "You can't continuously mess up. You're not going to get that many chances. I'm not saying by my peers, but I'm just saying by God in general. For me and my spirit, I just want to be able to have some peace, be able to chill and do what I love—because I was blessed with this opportunity and this talent, so I don't want to waste it."

Brown—a brilliant dancer and talented singer who is among the most electrifying young performers—presents himself as a maturing artist who recognizes past mistakes. He's in court-ordered twice-a-week therapy. He trimmed his entourage from 30 people to single digits. He ended simmering feuds, including one with rapper-singer Drake. His sixth album, "X," released last week, includes plenty of sex- and party-focused songs, yes, but also reflective and heartfelt lyrics that acknowledge and take responsibility for his struggles.

Sitting in his publicist's office a day after his album was released, Brown smiled easily and seemed eager to show that he had turned a corner—but acknowledged he still has room to grow.

"Sometimes you've got to touch the stove to see that it's hot. And I'm one of those guys that does that all of the time," he said. "Sometimes I might be my own worst enemy. I'm not always going to make the right decision."

He was quick to criticize the series of angry outbursts that culminated in an incident in Washington, D.C., last October when he punched a man who tried to get into a picture Brown was taking with two women. That led eventually to a jail sentence for violation of his probation, instituted after he was convicted of the infamous 2009 pre-Grammy Awards attack on then-girlfriend Rihanna.

"At first I went mentally into being aggressive, and being totally like unapproachable with situations because I didn't feel comfortable with myself living my life, as far as whatever mistakes I made, because I was constantly being judged," he said. Now, Brown said he recognizes, "I'm an entertainer. And I influence a lot of people, young and older. ... Before, I was out of hand. So I think now it's time to grow up."

Gail Mitchell, senior correspondent covering hip-hop and R&B at Billboard magazine, said the Grammy winner has a reputation as a "studio rat," recording and collaborating constantly with his peers. She interviewed Brown for a cover story after he got out of jail.

"I think he needed a wake-up call and maybe that's what it was, maybe that's what it took," she said. "I don't think there's any shame in that."

Brown said he feels a kinship with Justin Bieber, 20, another pop star whose once-immaculate image has been sullied by repeated public bad behavior.

"Growing up in the public eye, being younger with all of the success—girls, money, everything—it can get to your head real fast. ... I was arrogant, cocky, thought I was invincible at one point," Brown said. "We don't get the benefit of growing up behind the camera. We don't get the benefit of making our mistakes and nobody hears about it."

The question now is whether Brown can avoid further mistakes. Someone shot and injured Death Row Records founder Suge Knight at a Brown-hosted party last month. Does trouble simply follow Brown, no matter what?

"It's 50-50. You could say that trouble follows me. And you could also say I create my own trouble," he said. He mostly sticks to throwing house parties lately but, "I'm not in control of going to a club and it getting shot up."

Brown has been able to climb pop charts despite legal trouble: "Loyal" peaked at No. 9 on the Billboard Hot 100 while Brown was jailed. The rude, flippant song was the fourth single from "X" to be released. Brown said he was surprised at its success.

"It's my version of TLC's `No Scrubs,'" he said. "It just goes to show that sometimes when you put out a super big record with substance, that's not the key all the time. Sometimes you want to just put a record out there that might be disrespectful, just have fun."

Brown's album was released at a time of increased public discussion about domestic violence following TMZ's release of video showing NFL star Ray Rice punching out his then-fiancee in an elevator. The singer said he accepts that he'll be linked with the issue for the foreseeable future.

"There could be a million other celebrities who were in the same situation, but because of the high-profile case and whatever it is, they're going to always automatically associate myself with it," he said. "When the media associates me, it's to do a bigger message. It's to show the world and raise awareness for it and definitely show that it's not OK."

## Eric Lynch, Howard Stern's diminutive foil, dies at 39

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Eric "The Actor" Lynch, whose fear of werewolves, love of professional wrestling and angry, often foul-mouthed rants endeared him to fans of Howard Stern's radio show for more than a decade, has died at age 39.

Lynch died Friday at the University of California, Davis, Medical Center in Sacramento, his longtime friend and agent, Johnny Fratto, told The Associated Press on Monday.

Lynch, who stood just 3 feet tall and used a wheelchair to get around, had suffered for years from numerous height-related health problems.

He said doctors had told his parents he likely wouldn't live past the age of 14.

"I loved Eric. I truly loved him," Stern said Monday on his radio show. "What I loved about him was here was this guy afflicted with every ... thing on the planet, you couldn't have gotten worse luck dealt to you, and Eric didn't view it that way."

Lynch, a huge "American Idol" fan, first called Stern 12 years ago to complain angrily that the shock jock had ridiculed contestant Kelly Clarkson's appearance.

As the calls persisted, many of them foul-mouthed, insulting rants directed at Stern himself, an unlikely friendship blossomed between the two.

Stern, meanwhile, gave as good as he got, attempting to persuade Lynch to be attached to balloons so he would hover over his recording studio. Another time, he took part in a prank to convince Lynch that werewolves really did exist in New Mexico, where Stern was sending him for a small part in a TV show.

Like other members of Stern's so-called Wack Pack of oddball callers and in-studio guests, Lynch landed several TV roles over the years. His credits included "In Plain Sight," "Fringe" and "American Dream," and he was a guest on "Jimmy Kimmel Live."

"I think the fact that Eric had no respect for you whatsoever was what I liked about him," Kimmel told Stern during Monday's show.

Despite the rants and insults, delivered in Lynch's instantly recognizable raspy voice, he embraced life to the fullest, said those who knew him.

"Most people in Eric's condition would be bitter, but Eric loved life," Stern said. "He loved watching TV, he loved celebrities, he loved show business, he loved wrestling."

Lynch, who lived in Sacramento, is survived by his parents and a brother.

Fratto said funeral services will be private.

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This January 2013 photo provided by Johnny Fratto shows Eric Lynch in Beverly Hills, Calif.

# 'The Lion King' earns record box office

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Here's something the folks at Disney can take real pride in: "The Lion King" is the top ticket of all time.

With a worldwide gross of over $6.2 billion, "The Lion King" stage musical has now achieved the most successful box office total of any work in any media in entertainment history, The Associated Press has learned.

The show quietly took over top spot from the $6 billion-earning "The Phantom of the Opera" late this summer, according to representatives from both shows. "Phantom" producers Cameron Mackintosh and The Really Useful Group congratulated "The Lion King" in a statement, calling their rival show "The Pride of Broadway."

The total makes "The Lion King" more valuable than any single Harry Potter film, the blockbuster "Titanic," or any of the "Star Wars" movies. By way of comparison, the highest-grossing film in history is "Avatar," with nearly $2.8 billion worldwide.

"It's difficult not to become emotional at this realization of the show's impact," said Thomas Schumacher, president and producer at Disney Theatrical Productions. He recalled the long road the musical has taken from its beginning in four downtown rehearsal rooms in May 1997.

"Our goal then was to tell the story purely and theatrically so that audiences could feel it in their heart," he added. "And, to this day, that is the audience experience whether they see the show in Madrid; Appleton, Wisconsin; South Africa; Tokyo or Broadway. Of that, we are deeply proud."

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In this photo provided by the Las Vegas News Bureau, a scene is shown during a performance of Disney's "The Lion King," in Las Vegas.

The figure only calculates box office receipts from the various worldwide stage productions, not sales of posters or CDs and other merchandise, revenue from the film, which grossed $423 million domestically, including its rereleased in 3D, or syndication and licensing fees. Currently, there are 10 productions of "The Lion King," including those in New York, London, in Hamburg, Germany, and on tour across North America.

There's no need to cry for "The Phantom of the Opera." It's still the longest-running show in Broadway history and 140 million worldwide have seen it. There are currently eight productions with new ones planned for Moscow, Hong Kong and Istanbul.

"The Lion King," which features music by Elton John and lyrics by Tim Rice and the vision of director Julie Taymor, was an adaption of an animated film when it hit the stage but has in many ways overshadowed the film. It tells the story of a young lion cub's coming of age and uses puppetry and dance in ways that haven't been replicated.

It was the highest grossing Broadway show last year and is the highest-grossing production so far this year, despite rival shows in five bigger theaters and musicals like "The Book of Mormon" often charging hundreds of dollars more per ticket.

Part of its longevity is due to its movie tie-in, simple-to-understand story, family friendly themes and the fact that it's a spectacle not dependent on big-name stars. Twenty-two global productions have been seen by more than 75 million people.

"The Lion King" chased down the overall box office crown despite "Phantom" having a big head start: Disney's show began on Broadway in 1997, while "Phantom" debuted onstage in 1986 in London.

"It's the distance runner, it's the marathon runner. It's taken 17 years of legitimacy to get there," said David Schrader, executive vice president and managing director at Disney Theatrical Group.

What makes the achievement all the more remarkable is that Disney executives haven't gouged every last cent from the public. In fact, they've purposely left money on the table.

Last week, for example, the average ticket price at "The Lion King" was $128, while "The Book of Mormon" was $50 more. And while top premium tickets for "The Book of Mormon" was $477 and $300 for "Wicked," the highest price at "The Lion King" was $197.50, illustrating a conscious attempt to keep even the best seats in the house under $200.

"We're never going to be the top price. We're never going to have the highest VIP price. We're never going to have the highest orchestra price," said Schrader "We're not in this for tomorrow afternoon. We're in it for however many years we've got. We're trying to be moderate."

The other half of the equation—attendance—is also strong. It has increased four of the last five years on Broadway, the London production has seen a 6 percent increase in attendance over the last five years, and the latest North American tour has seen an 11 percent increase over the same period.

Both "Phantom" and "The Lion King" have benefited from the emergence of premium—or dynamic—pricing, although the Disney musical has obviously enjoyed more seasons using the tactic. It involves increasing or decreasing prices for certain seats depending on demand and started with the 2001 musical "The Producers," which set a precedent with $480 tickets.

At the mother ship in New York, Schrader said the Broadway audience is made up of four key groups in roughly equal proportions: Manhattan residents, commuters from the New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, domestic tourists and foreign tourists. "There's no way you get to 17 years without somehow holding all four," he said.

Clever advertising—like using digital screens to show crisp images of brightly costumed characters at Pennsylvania Station and the city's airports—and a scrupulous attempt to maintain its high quality onstage mean "The Lion King" hasn't devolved in to a kids' show or a joke.

It still attracts a well-heeled crowd, routinely breaks $1 million a week at the 1,700-seat Minskoff Theatre and Disney has been loath to ever discount its tickets.

"If anything, the lack of change is what's remarkable," Schrader said. "Everything erodes, everything comes apart. So the fact that it hasn't is curious."

Schrader spends much of his days poring over audience data, figuring out demand patterns based on historical trends, school holidays and even weather forecasts.

He knows that 6 percent of a Broadway audience is from the Philadelphia metro area. He knows that daylight savings time will "inevitably" mess up schedules. He'll add a ninth performance during a holiday week but balances that with a need to not overtax the cast.

"I love puzzles," he says with a smile.

But of "The Lion King's remarkable longevity and continued potency, Schrader is modest about how much effect he has. "I wish we could take credit, but it's the audience and it's the word-of-mouth that's driving it."

# Shonda Rhimes lays claim to Thursday nights on ABC

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP)—Let's just go ahead and make it official. "Thursday" should be renamed "Shonday."

At least it should on ABC, which has handed its entire Thursday prime-time schedule to drama doyenne Shonda Rhimes.

Starting this week at 8 p.m. EDT, it's "Grey's Anatomy," with Rhimes the showrunner for this medical melodrama's 11th season. At 9 p.m., "Scandal" begins its fourth year with Rhimes also serving as showrunner.

Then, closing out Shonday at 10 p.m., "How To Get Away With Murder" premieres with Viola Davis as a rife-with-mystery criminal lawyer who apparently will do anything to spring her clients and who, as a law professor, trains her students to do the same.

Unlike the other two series, created by Rhimes, "Murder" was masterminded by Pete Nowalk, whose producing credits include "Grey's" and "Scandal." On this wicked new addition to the ShondaLand portfolio, Rhimes will serve "only" as executive producer: "I'm like the grandmother," she joked. "I hold the baby, then I give it back."

This baby has a clear family resemblance: "Murder" crackles with rat-a-tat dialogue, larger-than-life characters, outrageously tangled narratives, and a rainbow coalition of a cast led, as with "Scandal," by an African-American actress.

"It's a show I never would have thought of in a million years," Rhimes said. "But I feel like it fits exactly in the ShondaLand brand."

Fittingly, the "Murder" heroine is driven, charismatic and diabolical, even more so, arguably, than "Scandal" cleanup queen Olivia Pope (played by Kerry Washington).

"I really wanted to create a character who's always 10 steps ahead of us," said Nowalk in a separate interview. "If I know what a character's going to do before they do it, what's so interesting about that? And if they're always likable and good in what they do, I don't find that relatable."

"We operate not from our morals," said Davis, savoring the mindset of the character she plays. "We're driven by need, no matter how messy it gets."

Though a veteran actress whose film credits include "Traffic," "Antwone Fisher," "Doubt" and "The Help," Davis is a newcomer to ShondaLand. But she was quick to size it up as "like a family," headed up by a matriarch "with courage, imagination and ability."

**Rhimes**

The "ShondaLand" handle began as "kind of a joke," said Rhimes. Then, for the company it now identifies, it took hold as shorthand for a shared mission statement. "We all know what we're talking about in terms of the work and the attitude, and that term sums up our goal."

A storyteller from childhood, the Chicago-born Rhimes had written the script for the 1999 HBO film "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge," followed by the Britney Spears hit, "Crossroads," and the 2004 sequel to "The Princess Diaries."

But it was "Grey's Anatomy," a 2005 midseason replacement, that put Rhimes and ShondaLand on the map.

Today, at age 44, Rhimes reigns as a hitmaker unmatched in TV history, just days from not only ruling a full night of ABC real estate, but also stewarding two broadcast-network dramas with black women as protagonists.

"Why did it take somebody black to talk about being black?" Rhimes said, marveling that TV has stubbornly resisted mirroring the world she and most people live in, a world she has tried to reflect through her matter-of-fact inclusiveness of race as well as gender, age and sexuality.

"There is no token system," she said. "We're gonna cast the best actor for the part. And then our cast makes it feel real and true—they elevate everything."

(Last week, Rhimes shot back at a New York Times columnist who, in a widely criticized column, referenced her as an "angry black woman" and wrote that that "How To Get Away With Murder" was "yet another showcase series from her production company to showcase a powerful, intimidating black woman."

"How come I am not an `angry black woman' the many times Meredith (or Addison!) rants?" Rhimes tweeted. The Times public editor on Monday called the article "astonishingly tone-deaf and out of touch.")

But ultimately everything issues from Rhimes. All roads in ShondaLand lead to her, which begs an obvious question: How does she do it all, turning out this quantity of product while preserving a consistency of vision and voice?

"There's a feeling of flying by the seat of our pants," she said. "And it seems sometimes like we're telling something crazy. But it doesn't feel crazy to us. There's a plan to what we're trying to tell, with larger themes that I feel strongly about: lives of women, race in America, politics. I don't want to say I'm on a soap box, but there are moments when you can rant a little bit, and that's kind of fun.

"Mostly, we're enjoying ourselves. We all love what we're doing," she said, then registered the fact she hadn't quite explained herself. "I guess the answer is, I don't know."

One last question was easier to answer: How does it feel to be a big-time TV mogul?

"It feels great," she beamed. "It's an amazing vote of confidence from the network. It's an exciting moment."

But before she let herself get too carried away, she cited a Michael Jordan quote. It's the one where he summed up his job as just playing basketball.

"I just make the shows," said Rhimes.

# Kris Jenner files to divorce Bruce Jenner

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Kris Jenner is ending her 22-year year marriage to Olympic gold medalist Bruce Jenner.

The "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" matriarch filed for divorce on Monday in Los Angeles, citing irreconcilable differences.

The pair's relationship and its troubles have been featured prominently on the reality show that focuses heavily on Kris Jenner's daughters from a previous marriage, Kourtney, Kim and Khloe Kardashian.

The women and their brother Rob were born during Kris Jenner's previous marriage to Los Angeles attorney Robert Kardashian, who she divorced in 1991.

Kris and Bruce Jenner have two children together, daughters Kendall and Kylie. The divorce petition seeks joint custody of 17-year-old Kylie Jenner.

Bruce Jenner won the gold medal for men's decathlon in the 1976 Olympics.

AP

This April 5, 2009 file photo shows Kris Jenner, left, and her husband Bruce Jenner at the 44th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas.

Court filings say he and Kris Jenner separated on June 1. The filings do not provide any additional details or how the former couple will split their assets.

The divorce was first reported by celebrity website RadarOnline.com.

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Pink Floyd sets Nov. 10 release date for new album

**NEW YORK** (AP) — Pink Floyd's new album will arrive on Nov. 10. A Monday news release gives fresh details about "The Endless River," the British rock 'n' roll group's first new material in 20 years. The 18-song double album features band members David Gilmour, Nick Mason and Richard Wright, who died in 2008. Roger Waters left the group in 1985 and isn't involved. The album was assembled from 20 hours of material recorded during the band's 1993 sessions for "The Division Bell." Gilmour says in the release that the band "added new parts, re-recorded others and generally harnessed studio technology to make a 21st-century Pink Floyd album." "The Endless River" is comprised mostly of instrumental music with just one song, "Louder Than Words," that includes new lyrics, written by Gilmour's wife, Polly Samson.

### Hulu sets '11/22/63' series based on King novel

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Stephen King's time-travel novel about the Kennedy assassination is being adapted as a small-screen miniseries. Streaming service Hulu said Monday that the nine-hour series, titled "11/22/63" after King's book, includes the author and J.J. Abrams as executive producers. King said in a statement that if any of his works cried out for "long-form, event TV programming," then "11/22/63" is it. In King's 2011 novel, a high school teacher goes back in time to try to prevent the Nov. 22, 1963, killing of President John F. Kennedy by Lee Harvey Oswald. The release date for "11/22/63" and casting weren't announced by Hulu or producer Warner Bros. Television. The series will be seen in the United States on Hulu and distributed internationally by Warner.

### 9 Marquez e-books coming out in English

**NEW YORK** (AP)—E-books for some of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's best known work, including the novel "Love in the Time of Cholera," are coming out for the first time in English. The Penguin Random House imprints Vintage Books and Vintage Espanol announced Monday that nine English-language e-books will be published Oct. 15. Besides "Love in the Time of Cholera," the releases include the novella "Chronicle of a Death Foretold" and the memoir "Living to Tell the Tale." Marquez's classic novel "One Hundred Years of Solitude" is published in the U.S. by HarperCollins and remains unavailable as an English-language e-book. Vintage Espanol is releasing a Spanish edition next month. Marquez, winner of the Nobel literature prize in 1982, died in April at age 87.

# LA attorney faces suspension over doctored photos in site

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A judge has recommended a six-month suspension for a Los Angeles attorney who posted doctored photos on her firm's website that show her with high-profile people such as President Obama, Hillary Clinton and George Clooney.

In an 18-page decision this month, Judge Donald Miles said Svitlana Sangary failed to remove the images after a State Bar warning that they were false advertising; disregarded the disciplinary process and responded to the charges with a 16-page soliloquy that had little or nothing to do with the case.

The California Supreme Court will decide on the recommendation.

In a rambling statement to The Associated Press, Sangary implied that the photos were genuine. The attorney says she was photographed with "talented and successful people" at charity and political events and provided a photo link.

# Overcoming turmoil, Met opera opens season

**NEW YORK** (AP)—After a summer of uncertainty, the sounds of discord gave way to joyful music-making as the Metropolitan Opera opened its season Monday night with a sparkling new production of Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro."

Just two months ago, it looked as though the season might not open at all, since the financially struggling company had threatened to lock out its unions unless they agreed to substantial pay cuts in a new labor contract.

But a compromise averted a shutdown by the nation's largest performing arts organization, and the show went on, both inside the house and on giant screens set up for free viewing in the Lincoln Center plaza and in Times Square.

Not everything about opening night was harmonious, however. Across Broadway from the opera house, cordoned off behind police barricades, several hundred people representing Jewish groups waved signs and chanted to protest the Met's plans to stage John Adams's 1991 opera, "The Death of Klinghoffer."

It deals with the death of Leon Klinghoffer, a Jewish passenger on the cruise ship Achille Lauro, in 1985. The ship was hijacked by Palestinians, who shot the disabled Klinghoffer in his wheelchair and threw him over board.

# Actor Larry Hagman gets a hometown statue

**WEATHERFORD, Texas** (AP)—Actor Larry Hagman, most famous for playing J.R. Ewing on the TV show "Dallas," has been memorialized in bronze in his Texas hometown.

The actor was remembered Sunday in Weatherford—west of Fort Worth—on what would have been his 83rd birthday with unveiling of a life-size statue on the grounds of the Doss Heritage and Culture Center.

Mayor Dennis Hooks says Hagman, who died in 2012, is Weatherford's "favorite son."

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports Hagman's daughter, Kristina, was among hundreds to attend the unveiling ceremony on Larry Hagman Day.

She says the world knows about Texas in a way it never had because a son of Weatherford "brought understanding of what the essence of being a Texan is."

# Divorced dad's girlfriend wants nothing to do with his kids

DEAR ABBY: I am a 42-year-old divorced father of two. I have had a girlfriend, "Dawn," for about a year. She has met my kids, but she's still uncomfortable with the "situation." She has concerns about me having been married before, such as having experienced many of the firsts she has yet to enjoy.

Dawn doesn't like being in my house because I had it when I was married, and she says my kids remind her of my past. She says she doesn't want to share me with anyone, including them.

When we're alone, we are absolutely phenomenal as a couple. We love and care about each other deeply. This is causing a tremendous amount of stress on us, and neither of us knows how to handle it or what to do. Please help.

TWO'S COMPANY IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR TWO'S COMPANY: Forgive me for being blunt, but you need to break it off with this woman before you waste any more of her time or yours. You may be crazy about Dawn, but your first responsibility must be to your children, and she has made it clear how she feels about them.**

**You may be phenomenal as a couple, but there are more people involved than just the two of you. She needs to find someone who has no encumbrances, and you need to find a lady who has a greater capacity for love than Dawn appears to be capable of.**

**DEAR ABBY:** I often eat out with friends when we travel and when we're here at home. Some of them bring their own canned drinks or powdered drink mix to add to water served by the restaurant. I have an uneasy feeling about this. I don't think it is right to take my own drink into an eating establishment.

I have never said anything negative about it, but I haven't joined in the practice. Is my discomfort MY problem? What do you think about this?

TESTY SOUTHERN BELLE

**DEAR BELLE: What I think about it is less important than what the restaurant does, and not knowing the reason your friends behave this way, I am hesitant to judge them. I'm not sure what kind of canned or powdered drink your friends are bringing, but if they are on some kind of restricted diet, then it's what they need to do for a while. If the restaurant objected, the manager would either tell your friends not to do it anymore or institute a charge to make up for the lost income.**

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been with "Russell" for four months. We live together and eventually would like to be married. Russ is very honest. He told me he had impregnated a woman prior to me and she was eight months pregnant. I asked him to contact her on my behalf so I can meet her, since we plan on having a future together.

When I called the woman to suggest we meet somewhere, she cursed me out for contacting her and for telling her she can't communicate with Russ unless I'm involved. When Russ told her the same thing, she ordered him not to contact her again.

Russ has tried calling her since then because he wants to be involved in his child's life, but she never called him back. What do you think we should do?

LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

**DEAR LOOKING: What Russell should do—and you, as well —is talk with an attorney to establish exactly what his rights and responsibilities will be to his child, once paternity has been established.**

**TO MY JEWISH READERS: At sundown, Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, begins. This is the beginning of our time of solemn introspection. "Leshana tova tikatevu"—may each of us be inscribed in the Book of Life and enjoy a good year.**

## DEAR ABBY

**By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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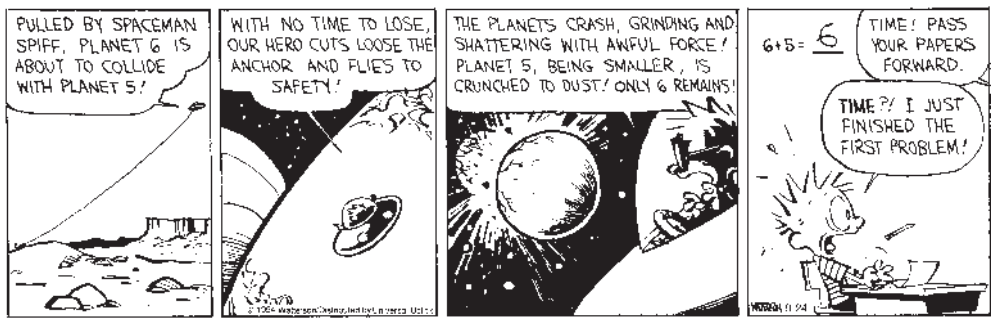
# Pastimes

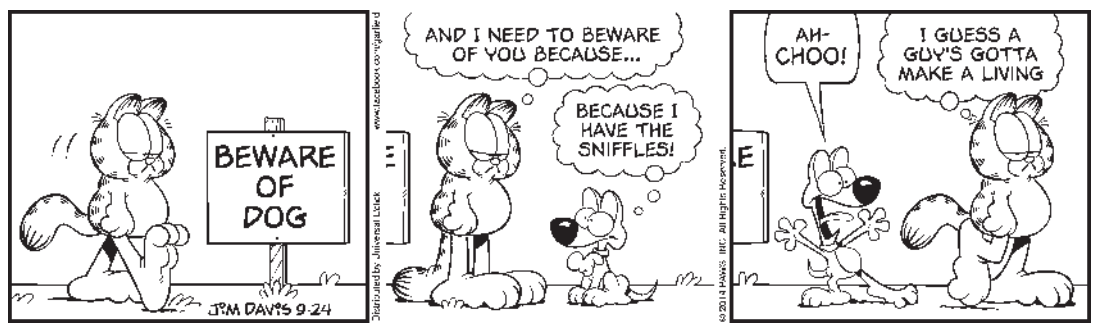
## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


PULLED BY SPACEMAN SPIFF, PLANET 6 IS ABOUT TO COLLIDE WITH PLANET 5!
WITH NO TIME TO LOSE, OUR HERO CUTS LOOSE THE ANCHOR AND FLIES TO SAFETY!
THE PLANETS CRASH, GRINDING AND SHATTERING WITH AWFUL FORCE! PLANET 5, BEING SMALLER, IS CRUNCHED TO DUST! ONLY 6 REMAINS!
6+5= 6
TIME! PASS YOUR PAPERS FORWARD.
TIME?! I JUST FINISHED THE FIRST PROBLEM!

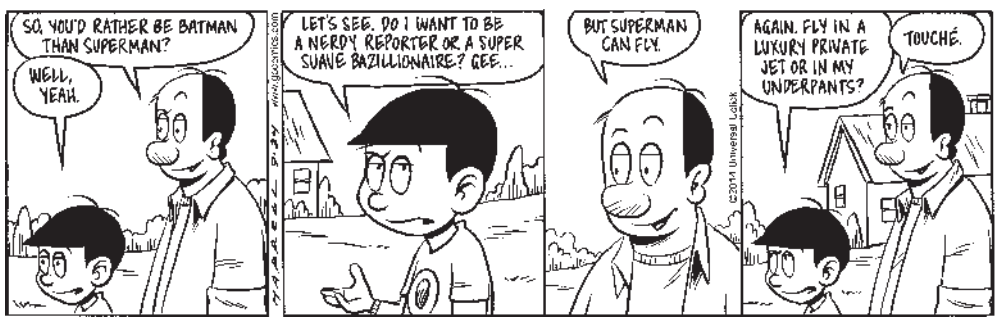
## Garfield®

By Jim Davis


BEWARE OF DOG
JIM DAVIS 9-24
AND I NEED TO BEWARE OF YOU BECAUSE...
BECAUSE I HAVE THE SNIFFLES!
AH-CHOO!
I GUESS A GUY'S GOTTA MAKE A LIVING

## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


SO, YOU'D RATHER BE BATMAN THAN SUPERMAN?
WELL, YEAH.
LET'S SEE. DO I WANT TO BE A NERDY REPORTER OR A SUPER SUAVE BAZILLIONAIRE? GEE...
BUT SUPERMAN CAN FLY.
AGAIN. FLY IN A LUXURY PRIVATE JET OR IN MY UNDERPANTS?
TOUCHÉ.

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

You've reached smears customer service. This call may be recorded.
You mean for quality assurance?
No. We like to listen to the tapes later and laugh at how angry we made you.
9-24

## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

**ACROSS**
1 Wager
4 Mexican money
8 "Sad to say ..."
12 Eggs
13 Caboose
14 Lily type
15 Blend
16 Traditional, in a sense
18 Goodyear trademark
20 Mythical beast
21 Denomination
24 Saltwater treat
28 Stars and Stripes
32 Cleopatra's river
33 By way of
34 Sends packing
36 Grazing area
37 Formerly
39 Vet
41 Detox center
43 Den
44 Snitch
46 Archaeologist's find
50 17th-century artist
55 Blackbird
56 Informal greeting
57 Top-rated
58 Frequently
59 Oil cartel
60 Oboe insert
61 Sauce source

**DOWN**
1 Dud on stage
2 Satanic
3 Cab
4 Drives onward
5 Conger, for one
6 Blue
7 Approximately
8 Trash holder
9 Writer Buscaglia
10 Past
11 Scale member
17 TV component
19 Food additive, for short
22 Silver salmon
23 Online bully
25 Movie
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28 Finished
29 Old Italian money
30 Morse "T"
31 Luke's mentor
35 Used a swizzle stick
38 Runway surface
40 Rage
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Solution time: 23 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 9-24

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Spencer Treat Clark, 27; Erin Chambers, 35; Nia Vardalos, 52; Kevin Sorbo, 56.

**Happy Birthday:** Deal with any domestic issues that arise. Ask for favors and determine how best to utilize what you have to work with and what you expect to accomplish. Organization coupled with a multitude of ideas and options are encouraged, as long as you refrain from jumping back and forth instead of putting your plans in motion. Clear a pathway to success. Your numbers are 3, 11, 15, 23, 30, 41, 46.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Take action. If you aren't proactive, nothing will get done. Speak up regarding financial, legal or health matters, and you will bring about an opportunity to renegotiate a deal you aren't happy with. A passionate approach will pay off. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Discipline and hard work will help you gain respect and a higher position. Do the legwork and find out facts firsthand to avoid anyone leading you astray or taking credit that belongs to you. Love is on the rise. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You have more going for you than you realize. Take advantage of an opportunity to discuss your ideas. Refuse to let a jealous friend or lover stand between you and what you want. Don't get angry; focus on getting ahead. ✪✪✪✪

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Get to the bottom of any situation that is causing you grief. Don't rely on others to do the work for you. Show initiative and turn your ideas into something tangible. Now is not the time to let someone take over. ✪✪

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Position yourself for stardom. Focus on what you have to do to get noticed. A little effort will go a long way and add to your popularity. You can't go wrong if you are helpful, understanding and fun to be with. ✪✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Check out your current position and you will find a way to make improvements that will help you change your life. You will get ahead if you refuse to let others take over. Show everyone what you are capable of doing. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have to divide your attention in order to take care of everything going on around you. Don't stop or relax until you have everything under control. Letting someone else take care of your business will be your downfall. ✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An investment or deal will pay off if you are prepared to wheel and deal. Be creative with your money and you will invite new opportunities that promise greater prosperity. Don't trust anyone to do as good a job as you. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A commitment may be your way of keeping the peace, but if you don't want to honor your promise, your stress level will mount. Romance may be hot, but that doesn't mean you should jump into something you aren't prepared to finish. ✪✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will feel used and abused if you have allowed someone to dictate what you can and cannot do. Speak up and face the music. It's up to you to counter anything that someone offers that doesn't seem fair to you. ✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take note of what's going on around you. Don't take a pass when you should be aggressively pursuing your goals. Participation will give you the chance to persuade others to back your plan. Don't give up. ✪✪✪✪✪

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Rely on your intuition to make the right decision financially, medically or legally. Look over personal papers and consider what you can do to improve your relationship with someone instrumental in helping you reach your goals. ✪✪✪

**Birthday Baby:** You are dependable, creative and energetic. You are a free thinker.

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# SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 9/24

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer**

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Difficulty Level ★★ 9/23

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## WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

**UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION** Solution: 9 letters

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**Yesterday's Answer: Textile**

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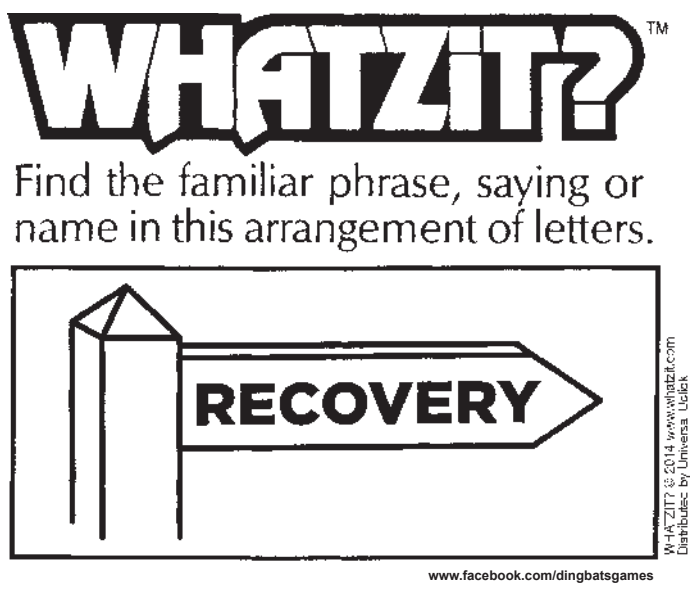


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# Bears hold on to beat Jets, 27-19

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** (AP)—Chicago Bears coach Marc Trestman needed a few extra minutes to clear his head.

His team took advantage of mistakes by the New York Jets to jump to an early lead, but then things got a little too close for comfort in a 27-19 win Monday night.

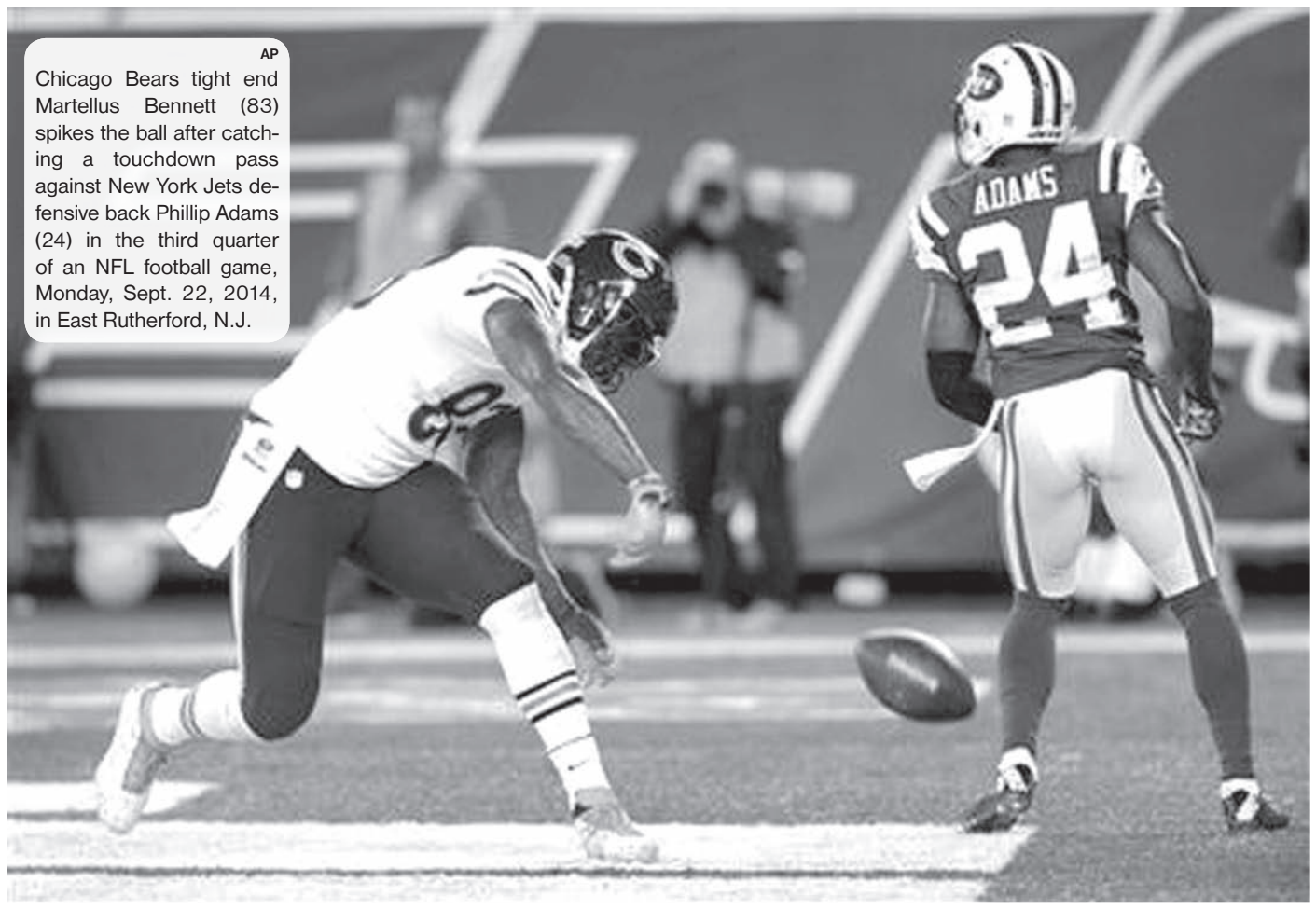
"It was quite a game," Trestman said after arriving a few minutes later than usual for his postgame news conference. "I thought we played an excellent football team. They have the ability to run it and they play terrific defense. I'm just proud of our football team. It was a team win."

Jay Cutler threw two touchdown passes to Martellus Bennett and Ryan Mundy returned an interception 45 yards for a score. Cutler finished 23 of 38 for 225 yards and Alshon Jeffery caught eight passes for 105 yards for the Bears, who got a 45-yard field goal from Robbie Gould to make it an eight-point game with 3:10 remaining.

The Jets (1-2) had one last opportunity to tie, getting into Bears territory on Geno Smith's 51-yard pass to Greg Salas. But Jeremy Kerley was out of bounds in the back of the end zone when he made a leaping grab of Smith's desperation fourth-down heave from the Bears 9.

Cutler took a knee three times to seal the victory for the Bears (2-1).

"We just have to ride this momentum," Cutler said.




AP

Chicago Bears tight end Martellus Bennett (83) spikes the ball after catching a touchdown pass against New York Jets defensive back Phillip Adams (24) in the third quarter of an NFL football game, Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, in East Rutherford, N.J.

Smith was 26 of 43 for 316 yards and a touchdown with two interceptions—and nearly had a few others. Kerley finished with seven catches for 81 yards, and almost came up with a diving grab off a tipped pass in the end zone on the final drive.

"There were some plays you wish you could have back," Jets coach Rex Ryan said.

The Jets lost wide receiver Eric Decker in the first half to a hamstring injury; he was questionable for the game with tightness in the hamstring. Decker said he pulled himself out when he couldn't get it loosened up. Defensive lineman Muhammad Wilkerson also left with an injured right knee, but Ryan didn't think it was serious.

The Bears went up 14-0 just over five minutes into the game.

On New York's second play from scrimmage, Smith didn't see Mundy lurking in the flat as he floated a screen pass to Chris Johnson. Mundy stepped in front of the toss and ran untouched into the end zone for a 45-yard score.

"I put ourselves in a hole with the interception for a touchdown," Smith said. "We definitely chipped away and had a chance to win at the end."

After the Jets stopped the Bears on three plays on their first offensive series, rookie Jalen Saunders dropped Patrick O'Donnell's punt at his 40 and it was recovered by Ahmad Dixon. Cutler threw deep down the right sideline to Jeffery one play later, and cornerback Darrin Walls was called for pass interference to put the ball at the Jets 7.

Three plays later, Cutler rolled right and found Bennett in the back of the end zone to make it 14-0—and get the MetLife Stadium crowd booing.

"There is a little lack of respect for me as a tight end," Bennett said. "It's kind of like a chip on my shoulder. They never really mention me."

The Jets got on the scoreboard on their next possession, capping an 11-play, 55-drive with Nick Folk's 43-yard field goal.

Chicago answered with a 15-play, 79-yard drive helped by cornerback Antonio Allen's holding penalty on a third-down incompletion by Cutler. Gould's 24-yard field goal gave the Bears a 17-3 lead 66 seconds into the second quarter.

New York cut the deficit to 17-13 with a 77-yard drive on which Kerley accounted for 51—including a 19-yard touchdown.

A video review reversed a call late in the half on which the Jets might have taken the lead. Cutler was sacked by David Harris and lost the ball, but was declared down by contact. A review showed Cutler had fumbled, but Demario Davis' return to the end zone was negated because the whistle had blown.

"It could've been a game-changing play, but the referee blew the whistle," Harris said. "What can you do? What else is new? It seems like we're playing against two teams out there sometimes."

Added Davis: "I knew when I picked it up that it was a fumble. And, it should've been a touchdown."

The Jets then went three-and-out.

Chicago opened the second half aggressively, marching 80 yards on six plays and capping the drive with Bennett's 13-yard touchdown catch to make it 24-13. The Bears nearly had a 12-yard TD by Brandon Marshall earlier in the drive, but it was wiped out by a hands-to-the-face penalty on left guard Michael Ola.

The Jets also blew a possible scoring drive when Smith was intercepted by Kyle Fuller on a poorly thrown pass to David Nelson in the end zone on first-and-10 from the Bears 18.

"You can't force it in that situation," Ryan said. "You learn from it."

# *Owner: 'No misinformation' by Ravens on Rice*

**OWINGS MILLS, Md.** (AP)—Baltimore Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti refuted a report suggesting he and other team officials tried to persuade the NFL to be lenient on Ray Rice after the running back was arrested in February for knocking out his then-fiancee in an Atlantic City elevator.

Bisciotti, who rarely met with the media before the Rice saga, said Monday he felt it necessary to respond to an ESPN story last week that described he, president Dick Cass and general manager Ozzie Newsome pushing Commissioner Roger Goodell for leniency for Rice.

"Their accusations didn't jibe with what we know is fact," said Bisciotti, who, sitting in a raised leather chair square in the middle of a raised stage at his team's training facility, also denied that he contacted the league on Rice's behalf.

"I don't think the league would take too kindly to us badgering them," Bisciotti said. "I didn't really care. If it was going to be a precedent-setting (suspension of) four or six games, I would have told Ray not to appeal it.

"I expected four of six games and I was surprised as everybody else that it was two."

The two games were Rice's original suspension by the league—the Ravens took no action at the time—for punching Janay Palmer in a casino on Feb. 15. But after a video surfaced on Sept. 8 showing the violent attack, Rice was released by the team and suspended indefinitely by the league. He has appealed his suspension.

Bisciotti acknowledged that the backlash over the handling of the domestic violence case is by far the biggest crisis he's faced since taking over the team 14 years ago, but defended the integrity of his organization.

"When your integrity is questioned, it's pretty humbling," Bisciotti said. "Last week it was our competence being questioned. Now it's our integrity."

The 54-year-old owner criticized the ESPN report for being biased, saying of the anonymous sources quoted in the piece: "It's clear from the subject matter that it's Ray's attorney, it's Ray's agent and it's Ray's friends. They are building a case for reinstatement."

The report was the latest development in the saga that has Bisciotti and his organization on its heels.

"As I stated in our letter to you on September 9, we did not do all we should have done, and no amount of explanation can remedy that. But there has been no misdirection or misinformation by the Ravens," Bisciotti said in a 15-point statement to the fans released before the news conference.

ESPN also reported that Darren Sanders, the team's director of security, was given a detailed description of what occurred in the elevator within hours of Rice's arrest in February.

In the team statement, Sanders said it was more than a week after the incident before an officer described the grainy tape. Sanders did not say he ever received a copy of the video, or ever saw it before it became public.

"The officer could not tell from the video whether Ray slapped her or punched her," Sanders said.

Critics say that shouldn't matter; that the Ravens had enough evidence.

Rice was arrested on assault charges, and a police summons stated that Rice had struck Palmer with his hand, rendering her unconscious. Rice has been accepted into New Jersey's pretrial intervention program, which enabled him to avoid jail time and could result in having the charge expunged from his record after he meets the requirements.

ESPN reported that that Bisciotti sent a text message to Rice offering him a job after the was done with football, and that Rice told friends he was "incredibly insulted" in that it appeared to be an offer of hush money.

In the statement, Bisciotti said, "I believed he was, at heart, a good person, that he was capable of redemption, and I wanted to tell him I would be supportive of him."

Ravens general manager Ozzie Newsome reiterated in the team's statement that Rice had been honest with him about what happened.

"When I met with Ray to discuss the incident, I asked him one question: "Did you hit her?" He responded: "Yes," Newsome said. "I later said Ray didn't lie to me because he told me he hit her, and that is what the video later showed—although the video was much more violent than what I had pictured."

Ravens coach John Harbaugh denied he asked that Rice be released after the first videotape surfaced, as the report suggested.

"I did not recommend cutting Ray Rice from the team after seeing the first videotape," the coach said in the release.

Added Newsome: "Neither John nor anyone else ever recommended cutting Ray Rice before we saw the second videotape on September 8."

Still, there remain questions as to whether the NFL had access to the video, and the ESPN report said Cass never asked for a copy of the video.

Bisciotti said, "That's where we failed. ... I lacked a whole lot of interest and had zero desire to see that tape. If I had, I might have said I'm not doing a thing until we see it."

The Associated Press has reported the video was sent to NFL offices in April, and the league subsequently hired former FBI director Robert Mueller to look into how the NFL sought and handled evidence in the domestic violence case.

Bisciotti hopes the Ravens and the NFL learn from their mistakes.

"The question is, What are we going to do next year as a team, and what is the league going to do next year or the next time this happens?" he said. "I would lose faith in the league if this happened next year and their response is unsatisfactory. If I'm asking people to give me another shot, then I certainly would ask you to give the league office another shot."

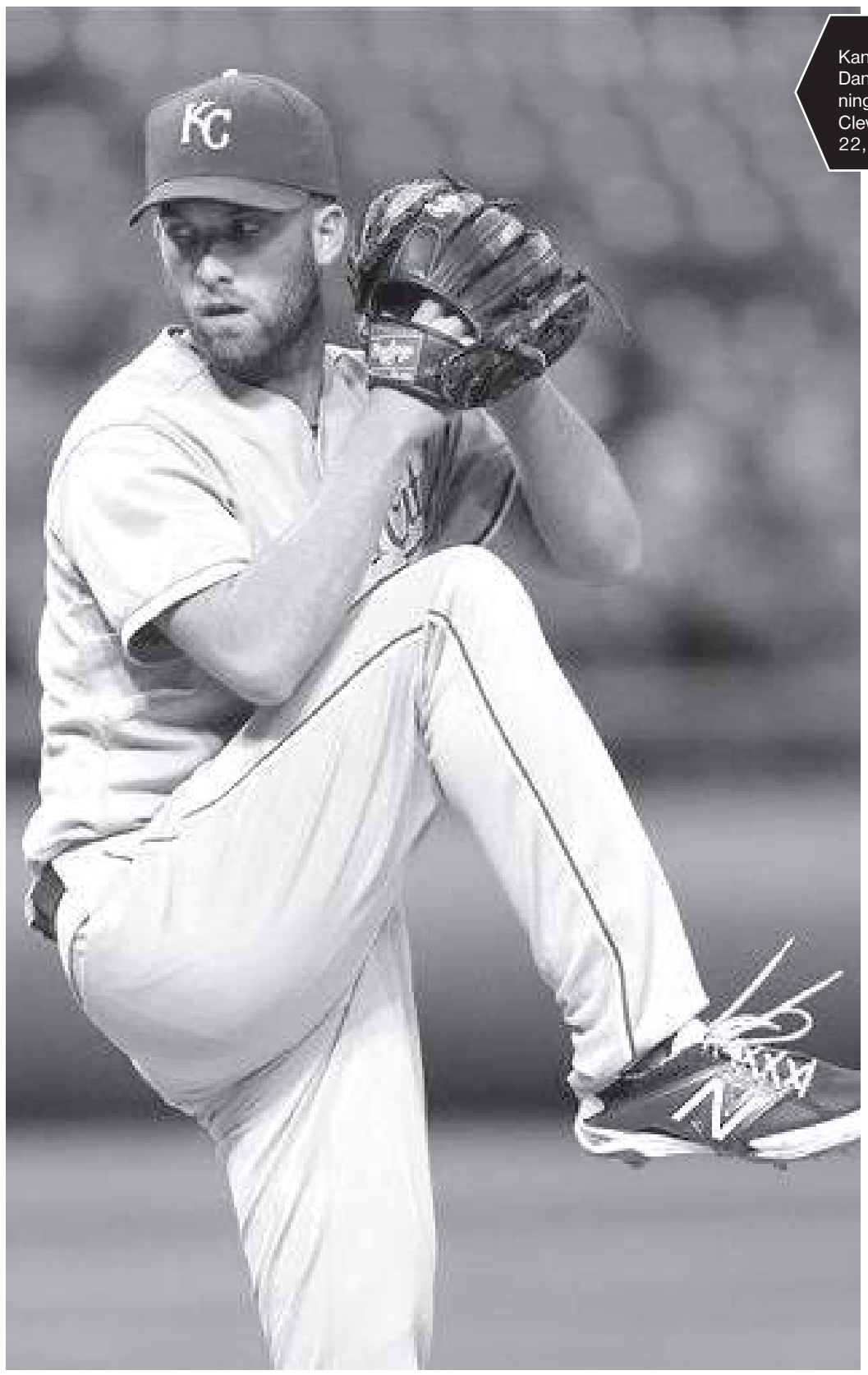
# Royals beat Indians 2-0, gain on Tigers

**CLEVELAND** (AP)—Danny Duffy pitched six shutout innings for his first win in more than a month as the Kansas City Royals moved closer to the top of the AL Central and kept some distance over Cleveland in the wild-card race, beating the Indians 2-0 on Monday night.

Duffy (9-11), who had thrown just one pitch in September before the start, held the Indians to six hits. The left-hander had been sidelined since Sept. 6 with a sore shoulder.

Greg Holland worked the ninth for his 44th save as the Royals, seeking their first postseason appearance since 1985, moved within one game of first-place Detroit. The Tigers lost 2-0 at home to the White Sox.

Carlos Carrasco (8-6) couldn't keep the momentum going for the Indians, who earlier completed a 4-3 win in 10 innings in a game suspended on Aug. 31 in Kansas City.



AP
Kansas City Royals starting pitcher Danny Duffy delivers in the first inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians, Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, in Cleveland.

### Athletics 8, Angels 4

In Oakland, California, Jeff Samardzija pitched seven strong innings and received some rare run support as Oakland kept hold of the top AL wild-card spot by beating the West champions.

The A's moved one game ahead of Kansas City for the first wild card.

Geovany Soto hit a two-run single to highlight a six-run first inning as the A's chased C.J. Wilson (13-10) after just two outs for the second-shortest start of his career. Stephen Vogt added a two-run single in the seventh.

Albert Pujols hit a three-run homer in the eighth for Los Angeles, giving him 1,602 RBIs for 33rd on the career list.

Samardzija (5-5) beat the Angels for the first time in three career starts and won for the first time in five starts since a victory at Houston on Aug. 25. He has worked at least seven innings in six straight starts.

### Yankees 5, Orioles 0

In New York, Derek Jeter began his final series at Yankee Stadium by breaking open the game with a two-run double, and he had three RBIs to lead the Yankees over the Orioles.

Michael Pineda retired his first 13 batters before J.J. Hardy singled sharply to left field, pitching 7 1-3 innings and combining with three relievers on a one-hitter. Jose Pirela, the Yankees' team-record 57th player this season, became New York's first player in 34 years to triple in his first big league at-bat. He went 2 for 3 with the go-ahead RBI.

Despite the loss, AL East champion Baltimore clinched home-field advantage in an AL division series starting Oct. 2 when Detroit lost to the Chicago White Sox. The Orioles open the postseason against the wild-card playoff winner or the AL Central champion.

### Cardinals 8, Cubs 0

In Chicago, Adam Wainwright joined Clayton Kershaw as the majors' only 20-game winners, pitching three-hit ball over seven innings, and the Cardinals beat the Cubs.

Wainwright hit the 20-win mark for the second time while matching his career-high for victories, and the Cardinals moved a step closer toward their second straight division title.

They remained 2 1/2 games ahead of Pittsburgh in the NL Central with five to play with the Pirates beating Atlanta 1-0. St. Louis clinched its fourth straight playoff appearance on Sunday.

Wainwright (20-9) won his fifth straight start and made it look easy, striking out eight and walking one.

The only other time Wainwright won 20 was in 2010, and that year, victory No. 20 also came at Wrigley Field.

He got plenty of support, with the Cardinals pounding Travis Wood (8-13) for seven runs and eight hits over five innings.

### Pirates 1, Braves 0

In Atlanta, Andrew McCutchen homered, Francisco Liriano won his fourth straight start and the Pirates moved closer to a postseason berth, beating the Braves.

The Pirates, winners in 10 of their last 12, have a five-game lead over Milwaukee with six games remaining for both teams. Any combination of two Pittsburgh wins or Brewers losses will guarantee the Pirates at least a spot in the NL wild-card game for the second straight year.

The Pirates still have hopes of winning the NL Central, but they began the night 2½ games behind first-place St. Louis.

McCutchen, the 2013 NL MVP, hit his 24th homer in the sixth off starter Aaron Harang.

Liriano (7-10) allowed three hits, walked four and struck out seven in six innings. He extended his consecutive scoreless streak to 28 innings.

### Blue Jays 14, Mariners 4

In Toronto, Jose Bautista homered and reached base four times, J.A. Happ won for the first time in four starts and the Blue Jays dealt a blow to Seattle's wild card hopes, routing the Mariners.

Bautista went 3 for 3 with a walk and drove in two runs before getting the rest of the night off. His solo homer in the fifth against Mariners reliever Tom Wilhelmsen was his 35th.

Kevin Pillar hit a two-run homer and Anthony Gose added a solo blast as the Blue Jays handed Seattle its third straight defeat.

Happ (10-11) allowed an RBI double by Robinson Cano in the first, and Kyle Seager's solo homer in the sixth.

Seattle's James Paxton (6-4) gave up a career-high nine runs, walked a career-high six and matched a career-high by giving up seven hits in 2 2-3 innings, his shortest career start.

### White Sox 2, Tigers 0

In Detroit, Chris Bassitt pitched into the eighth inning for his first major league win, and the White Sox slowed Detroit's chase of the AL Central title with a victory over the Tigers.

Detroit remained 1 1/2 games ahead of the second-place Royals, pending the result of their regularly scheduled game in Cleveland. Hours earlier, the Indians finished off a win in a suspended game against Kansas City.

Tyler Flowers hit a two-run homer for the White Sox, and the Tigers were unable to take advantage of Chicago's inexperienced starter.

The loss assured Detroit would start a division series on the road, even if it wins the AL Central.

The game turned into an unexpected pitchers' duel between Bassitt and fellow rookie Kyle Lobstein. Both were making their fifth career start, but they looked like aces in the middle of a pennant race.

### Rangers 4, Astros 3

In Arlington, Texas, Guilder Rodriguez had his first two major league hits, including a tiebreaking RBI single, as the Rangers opened their final homestand with a victory over the Astros.

Rougned Odor had a three-run triple for Texas, which won for the ninth time in its last 10 games. The Rangers got win No. 63 overall, ensuring that they will avoid their first 100-loss season since 1973.

The 31-year-old Rodriguez made his major league debut two weeks ago, when the switch-hitting utility infielder was called up after 13 seasons and 1,095 games in the minors, then the most by any current player before finally getting to the majors.

Rodriguez got his first major league RBI in the seventh, his two-out single sending home Jake Smolinski and chasing Astros starter Nick Tropeano (1-2). Smolinski was hit by a pitch to start the inning.

### Diamondbacks 6, Twins 2

In Minneapolis, Josh Collmenter pitched six strong innings for his career-best 11th win, Mark Trumbo homered and the Diamondbacks beat the Twins to snap a six-game losing streak.

Trumbo's two-run shot off Ricky Nolasco (5-12)—his fourth homer in the last 11 games—capped a five-run fifth for the Diamondbacks, who are 7-11 in interleague play.

Collmenter (11-8) has allowed two runs or fewer in his last six starts, matching the longest streak of his career. He's 3-1 during that span.

Nearly all the hitters in Minnesota's lineup faced Collmenter for the first time in their careers, and it showed as the Twins reached 90 losses for the fourth straight year since winning the AL Central in 2010.

### Padres 1, Rockies 0

In San Diego, Eric Stults pitched effectively into the seventh inning and San Diego won its fifth straight game by beating Colorado.

Stults (8-17), tied with Philadelphia right-hander A.J. Burnett for the major league lead in losses, scattered seven hits over 6 1-3 innings in beating the Rockies for the first time this season after two defeats.

Kevin Quackenbush worked the ninth for his sixth save, ending Colorado's season-high, six-game winning streak.

The Padres, outhit 10-5, went ahead in the first inning when Rene Rivera's double scored Jedd Gyorko, who walked. Rockies starter Tyler Matzek (6-11) struck out eight in six innings.

## Ex-NBA player Rex Chapman accused of shoplifting

**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.** (AP)—Former NBA guard Rex Chapman has been arrested for allegedly shoplifting $14,000 worth of merchandise from an Apple store in Scottsdale and then selling the items at a pawn shop.

Chapman

Police say Chapman made it appear he was using the store's self-checkout, but left without paying.

Police took the 46-year-old Chapman into custody Friday afternoon after officers stopped his vehicle in northeast Scottsdale.

They say he's being held on suspicion of nine counts of organized retail theft and five counts of trafficking in stolen property.

He allegedly stole from the store seven times and sold the items for cash.

Chapman, a former Kentucky star, was a first-round draft pick of Charlotte in 1988. He also played for Washington, Miami and Phoenix in a 12-year NBA career that ended in 2000.

# Could Pacquiao fight be in cards for Mayweather?

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP BOXING WRITER

**LAS VEGAS** (AP)—Floyd Mayweather Jr. may have boxed himself into a corner by outboxing Marcos Maidana in their rematch.

And it might open the door—if just a crack—for the fight with Manny Pacquiao that boxing fans have been craving for years.

"If the Pacquiao fight happens, it happens," Mayweather said Saturday night after disposing of Maidana for the second time in four months. "You can ask the same questions and get the same answers. I call my own shots."

That Mayweather is even acknowledging the possibility of a fight with Pacquiao is significant, since his previous stance had been to ignore his Filipino rival. But it may be that Mayweather has little choice but to turn to Pacquiao for a huge money fight as the careers of both fighters draw to an end.

A lot of that will depend on the pay-per-view numbers for the second Maidana fight. What they say about Mayweather's drawing power likely will determine his next steps.

The first fight didn't sell well on Showtime - at least by the lofty standards of the pay-per-view king—and with the promotion for the second clouded by Mayweather's comments on Ray Rice and domestic violence, the general feeling among boxing executives is that the rematch may have done even worse.

Add the fact that Mayweather didn't win any fans by mostly playing defense against Maidana and it's hard to see how that will change for his next bout, which likely will take place next May.

"We're not sure what the game plan is," Mayweather said. "I'll probably fight in May. I may not fight until September."

Mayweather's most probable opponent for a fight in May would be Britain's Amir Khan, who took himself out of contention for Saturday's fight because he wouldn't be able to train properly while observing Ramadan. But while Khan would help boost sales overseas, he has lost two of his last five fights and is not popular enough in the U.S. to help sell pay-per-view.

Mayweather's continued refusal to fight Pacquiao or any other fighters promoted by Bob Arum limits the pool of possible opponents. That's why Maidana got a rematch despite no real outcry by boxing fans for it but it may be beginning to cost Mayweather where it really hurts—in his wallet.

Mayweather's $32 million payday for Maidana brought his earnings in the past year to $100 million in three fights, but he has only two fights left on a six-bout deal he signed with Showtime. The network would like to see him fight someone who might help him sell more PPVs, and Mayweather himself would earn more money from his cut of the revenue if he boosted sales.

Mayweather had little trouble against Maidana in their rematch, moving from side to side and frustrating the Argentine while winning many of the early rounds. But the crowd at the MGM Grand booed at times because Mayweather wouldn't engage in the brawl that Maidana desperately needed.

In the end, two ringside judges scored it 116-111 for Mayweather, while the third had it 115-112.

"I felt sharper in the first fight, my rhythm was off," said Mayweather who was roughed up by Maidana in May on his way to a majority decision. "I got hit with some shots tonight I shouldn't have gotten hit with. But that comes with the sport."

Mayweather was in control of the bout until the eighth round, when he claimed Maidana bit him on the hand in a clinch after first trying to hit him below the belt. He said he couldn't use his left hand the rest of the right because it went numb.

AP

Floyd Mayweather shows off his belts after beating Marcos Maidana during their WBA welterweight and WBC super welterweight title fight, Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014, in Las Vegas.

# Concern over McIlroy, McDowell more about results

**GLENEAGLES, Scotland** (AP)—European captain Paul McGinley is having second thoughts about a Rory McIlroy-Graeme McDowell partnership in the Ryder Cup.

Attribute that to an ordinary record, not an acrimonious lawsuit.

The Northern Irish duo has made it clear in recent weeks that McIlroy's lawsuit against Dublin-based Horizon Sports Management—which involves allegations against McDowell—has not affected their friendship and would not be a problem at Gleneagles this week.

"Both of them have assured me all along that there's no issue, and that's the way I've always seen it," McGinley said Monday in the opening news conference of Ryder Cup week. "Whether they come together or not is another story."

McDowell and McIlroy are longtime friends and major champions. They have been Ryder Cup partners for all but one session dating to 2010 at Wales, though their record is hardly impressive. They have won only two of those matches and halved another.

"Three or four months ago, I had a very strong view that they would have been (partners)," McGinley said. "But the more I look at their statistics, and the more I look at the different value I have with them, I'm thinking there may be a value in not doing it. But if I don't do it, it certainly won't be because of any issues.

"As both of them have said, there are no issues between them and both will be happy to play together," he said. "But it will be my decision ultimately."

Both teams arrived at Gleneagles on a relatively quiet day in which a haircut attracted most of the attention.

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U.S. Ryder Cup team captain Tom Watson, right, and European Ryder Cup team captain Paul McGinley shake hands by the trophy at the end of a press conference for the golf tournament in Gleneagles, Scotland, Monday, Sept. 22, 2014. The U.S. team arrived for the Ryder Cup Monday, with the tournament starting on Friday.

## LEINA

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Lauren Kruszewski is another title contender after the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Eagle standout opened with a 3-under 69.

But Kim's fiery form in the first round failed to rub off on her teammates as the ThunderWolves are currently in eighth spot with a 302 or nine shots behind leaders St. Mary's.

Sonoma State University (295), California Baptist University (296), Western Washington University (297), Adams State University (298), Colorado Mesa University (299), and Point Loma Nazarene (300) are all ahead of CSU-Pueblo.

CSU-Pueblo senior Julie Sanchez limped with a 5-over 77 to land tied for 38th, while rookie Samantha Geisick posted a 6-over 78 for 50th place.

ThunderWolf sophomore Natasha Navarro recorded one of the six eagles in the first round, a three on the par-5 18th. She, however, ended the round with a 9-over 81 for 67th spot, while freshman Megan McCutcheon finished the scoring with a 14-over 86 for 80th place.

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part All-Schools X-Country Series at 4pm on Oct. 4 at the Airport Road.

The second part of the NMA and Public School System-organized race will be held on Oct. 18 at 7am at the Susupe Civic Center.

The third and final legs will shift to the American Memorial Park on Oct. 25 and Nov. 15 both at 7am.

On Nov. 27, the NMA will hold the 29th Annual Mt. Tapochao Turkey Trot that will start at Lower Base.

The NMA's final event for the year is the 32nd Annual Christmas Island Relay on Dec. 29 at 6am that will start at the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio and end in Marpi.

## ART OF WAR

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on points against Trench Tech gymmate Ningbo "Slice" Cepeda.

Dexter Balajadia gave Team UA Guam the gold medal after foiling Shane Alvarez's title defense bid in the featherweight division.

Roman Alvarez bounced back to clinch the gold in the bantamweight class.

More than 70 fighters from Guam and Saipan joined AOW 8 with participants trading grappling skills for five minutes in the elimination round. The gold medal matches were shortened to four minutes.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Baltimore | 93 | 62 | .600 | — |
| New York | 80 | 75 | .516 | 13 |
| Toronto | 78 | 77 | .503 | 15 |
| Tampa Bay | 75 | 81 | .481 | 18½ |
| Boston | 68 | 88 | .436 | 25½ |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 86 | 69 | .555 | — |
| Kansas City | 84 | 70 | .545 | 1½ |
| Cleveland | 81 | 74 | .523 | 5 |
| Chicago | 71 | 84 | .458 | 15 |
| Minnesota | 66 | 89 | .426 | 20 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Los Angeles | 96 | 60 | .615 | — |
| Oakland | 85 | 70 | .548 | 10½ |
| Seattle | 83 | 72 | .535 | 12½ |
| Houston | 69 | 87 | .442 | 27 |
| Texas | 62 | 93 | .400 | 33½ |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Washington | 91 | 64 | .587 | — |
| Atlanta | 76 | 79 | .490 | 15 |
| New York | 76 | 80 | .487 | 15½ |
| Miami | 74 | 81 | .477 | 17 |
| Philadelphia | 71 | 85 | .455 | 20½ |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| z-St. Louis | 87 | 69 | .558 | — |
| Pittsburgh | 84 | 71 | .542 | 2½ |
| Milwaukee | 80 | 76 | .513 | 7 |
| Cincinnati | 72 | 84 | .462 | 15 |
| Chicago | 69 | 87 | .442 | 18 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| z-Los Angeles | 89 | 67 | .571 | — |
| San Francisco | 84 | 71 | .542 | 4½ |
| San Diego | 74 | 81 | .477 | 14½ |
| Colorado | 65 | 91 | .417 | 24 |
| Arizona | 62 | 94 | .397 | 27 |

z-clinched playoff berth
x-clinched division

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# 2014 Dee Clayton Classic

**PHOTOS BY JON PEREZ**

Winners of the 2014 Dee Clayton Classic pose for a group shot.

Aaron Tomokane poses for the judges during Saturday night's 2014 Dee Clayton Classic held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-purpose Center in Susupe.

Vince Aldan, center, is all smiles after receiving the Open and overall titles in the Physique division.

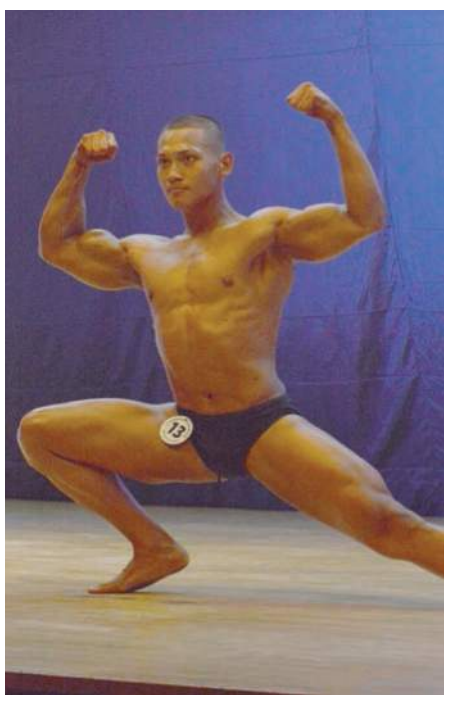
George Pangelinan places second in the Junior Physique division.

Nate Cruz smiles for the judges after placing third in the Junior Physique category.

Stephanie Yagi waits for the judges' decision in the Bikini category.

Gerald Galang finished second in the Open Physique category.

Gino Celis smiles after winning the Junior Physique division.



Tristan Ecalnea flexes his muscles to rule the light middleweight class. He came in second to Tomokane for the overall title.

Chom Star Gordon, left, and Mona Indalencio Corpuz await the instruction of the judges in the Women's Physique division.

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# Leina in good position for 3rd win

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The 2014 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) is only on its third week but this early Leina Kim is showing signs that she wants to flex her muscles and dominate the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II golf tournament.

Kim fired a pair of 33s to finish first in the opening round of the Western New Mexico University-hosted Mustang Women's Fall Intercollegiate on Monday afternoon at the Coldwater Golf Club in Phoenix, Ariz.

The 22-year-old Kim's first round 6-under 66, according to the Colorado State University (CSU)-Pueblo ThunderWolves website, shattered her own conference-best mark of 67, a feat she accomplished just a week ago.

The Marianas Baptist Academy alum fired a 5-under 67 in the first round of the Colorado Christian Invitational at the Raccoon Creek Golf Course in Littleton, Colo. on her way to winning her second straight title.

Kim fired seven birdies, parred 10 holes, and had one bogey in the first round.

But the CSU-Pueblo junior needs to play steady in the final round if ever she wants to win a third straight tournament crown as St. Mary's University Texas bet Allison Howarth is just two shots back.

Howarth could challenge Kim for the tournament title since the Rattlers' rookie is just two shots back at 4-under 68 entering Tuesday's final round.

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TAGA SPORTS
Leina Kim hopes to sustain her fine form in the third golf tournament in the 2014 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. Kim is seen here posing for *TAGA Sports*.

## Oleai track oval due for renovation

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Northern Mariana Athletics head coach Elias Rangamar said the track at the Oleai Sports Complex is set for repairs to prepare the facility for a friendly tournament in November.

Rangamar said the oval only needs minor repairs since some portions of the track have swelled or are already worn out.

"It will only be some minor repair. Not the entire track needs to be fixed," said Rangamar.

He added that a Saipan-based club made up of Chuukese would shoulder the cost of the repairs since they will be the ones using the track in November.

The club will be hosting the goodwill games where they will also be inviting teams from Saipan and Guam to compete.

"They usually hold the tournament in February and we're just going to help them in officiating. The tournament is open to other teams," Rangamar said.

The longtime Saipan sports official also added that the NMA would be hosting three remaining events in the final quarter of the calendar year.

The NMA will start things off with first leg of the four-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Oleai track facility will undergo minor repairs to prepare for a local tournament organized by a Saipan-based club made up of Chukese.

# Art of War returns in November

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Registration is still ongoing for the Art of War 9: Grappling, Submission and Jiu Jitsu Challenge set on Nov. 15 at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

Flyweight, bantamweight, featherweight, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight, and heavyweight divisions are to be contested, according to Trench Tech Promotions owner Cuki Alvarez.

The registration fee is $10 and the spectator fee is $5.

Grappling, submission and Jiu Jitsu are basic forms used in the mixed martial arts that are similar to Greco-Roman and freestyle wrestling.

It is considered to be the foundation of MMA, a combat sport that focuses on grappling and ground fighting.

Fighters who are still interested to join can get in touch with Cuki Alvarez at (670) 483-4662 or FACEBOOK.COM/CUKIALVAREZ or Twitter handle: @ALVAREZCUKI or visit www.trenchtech.tv.

Last year, Trench Tech fighters ruled five of the seven weight divisions in Art of War 8 with Shane "Pika-Boo" Alvarez successfully defending his lightweight crown after beating Spike 22's Robert Alvarez via submission.

Benjie Estoque and Ricky Rout ruled the flyweight and welterweight categories while Mylo Lassiter was the top fighter in the middleweight and heavyweight classes.

Estoque defeated Zalaka's Alan Aguon, Rout downed Vincent Masga in an all-Trench Tech final while Lassiter won

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ROSELYN MONROYO
Grappling, submission and Jiu Jitsu artists will once again showcase their skills in the Art of War 9 in November.